

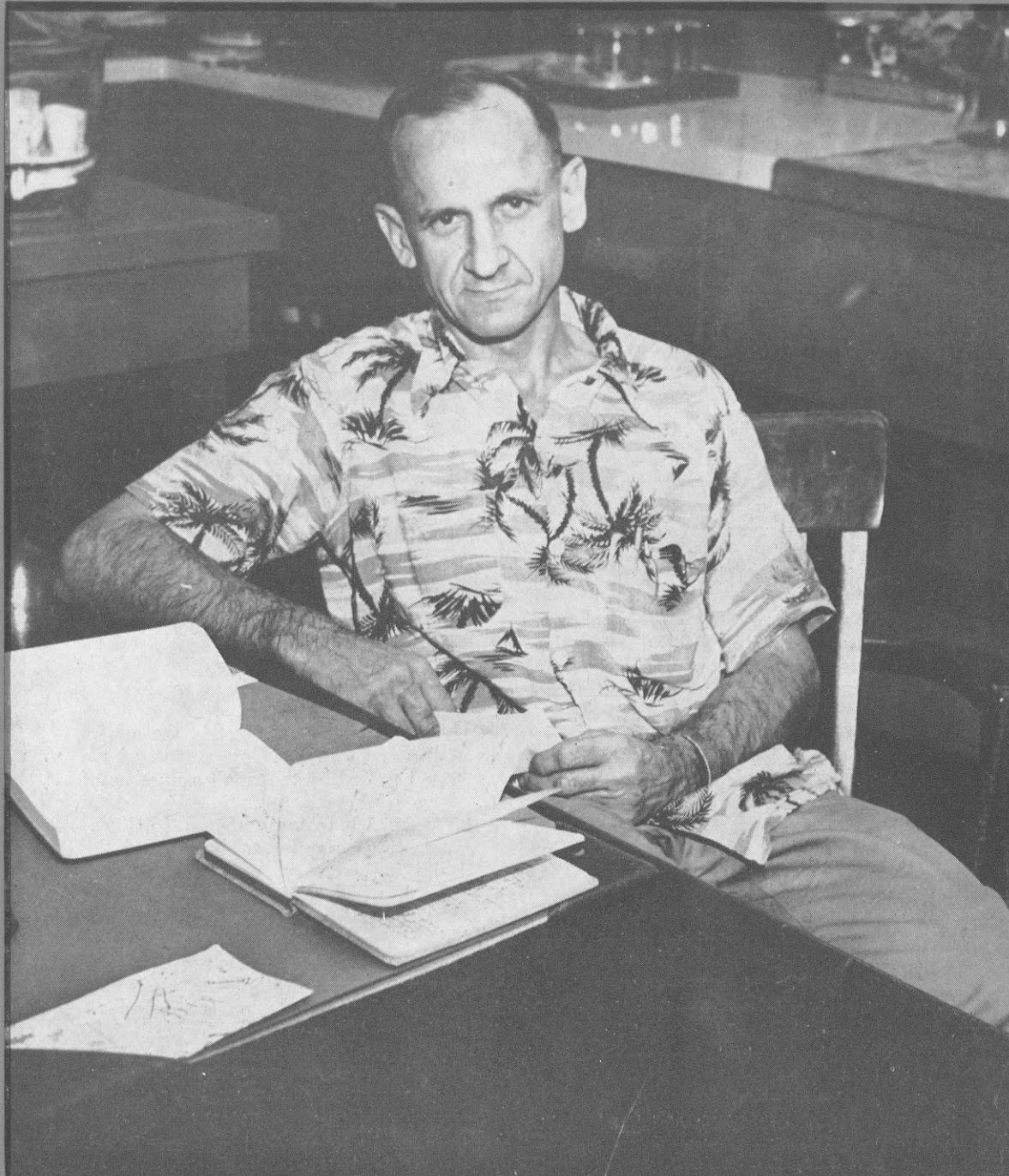
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The Editor's Page

A Deaf Church Steward

THE SILENT WORKER frequently pays tribute to deaf men and women whose achievements have made them outstanding citizens of their communities and this month we would call your attention to one who deserves some extra special mention. It is unusual for a deaf man to be elected to serve on the official board of his church, but we learn that W. T. "Ted" Griffing of Sulphur, Oklahoma, is rounding out his tenth year as a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church. The Board is made up of 30 members out of a total church membership of approximately 475. A veteran teacher at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, and editor of the school paper as well as of the Educational department in THE SILENT WORKER, Griffing has been a member of the Sulphur church for 30 years.

He was appointed to serve on the Board by the Reverend Robert Naylor, who is now pastor of the First Church at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Worthy of mention is the fact every pastor coming to the Sulphur Methodist church soon learns how to use the manual alphabet plus a working knowledge of the language of signs.

In addition to his work on the Board, Griffing is a charter member of the Methodist Men, a group which meets once a month for a dinner, program, and fellowship. He teaches a class of older pupils from the school, these young people being given special communion each month during their hour in the Church School. They also partake in the monthly covered dish suppers, the district meetings of Methodist Youth Fellowship, and each year the class is honored by the ladies of the church at a banquet at which time the graduating seniors are presented a book, "In His Steps."

Griffing states that on several occasions he has tried to resign from the Board, feeling that a hearing man might better serve the congregation, but each time his fellow members have refused to consider such a step. They have told him they feel his presence at meetings helps them as they go about the work of the Church.

He gets the drift of what is going on by lip-reading, written notes, and spelled out messages. He says he enjoys everything immensely and feels that his association with the men brings on a better understanding of the deaf and their problems.

Conventions

As we write these lines we have just returned from a swing around a fairly

large section of the nation attending conventions of state associations of the deaf and speaking to the members about the N.A.D., its accomplishments and its immediate needs. Other officials of the N.A.D. appeared at other state conventions at the same time and as a result it is to be hoped that hundreds of people are better informed as to the work and progress of their Association.

This writer's schedule included conventions in Oregon, Montana, Michigan, Georgia, and Alabama. The conventions will be reported in the N.A.D. pages, but we felt that a few impressions were worthy of noting here.

One thing we noted at all the conventions was that the major portion of the work seemed to be handled by the same people who have been active in the state associations for many years, and we wondered where the younger generation was, and who would keep up the important work of the state associations when the old-timers played out. But when the elections came up at each convention, youthful presidents were placed in office. This we were glad to see, and we hope it indicates a trend. It has been said on many occasions that new blood is needed, and at the conventions we attended, new blood is what they got.

The new presidents are Tollefson in Oregon, Miller in Montana, Young in Michigan, Mrs. Herron in Georgia, and Burch in Alabama. These are all brilliant young go-getters and we look to them for increased activity and a resultant growth of interest in the affairs of the deaf, which in recent years have been handled by too small a number of active workers.

A special feature of the Michigan convention was the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Michigan School, which brought a large crowd to the school, where the convention was held. The Michigan Association presented a bronze plaque to the school in commemoration of the event.

Each of these state conventions adopted the resolution proposed by the N.A.D. in support of deaf teachers, and at each convention we found the people enthusiastically supporting the work of the National Association. Finally, we were most cordially received and royally entertained at all the conventions we attended, for which we hereby express our thanks to all.

Unjust Discrimination

We saw some sweltering heat in the Midwest and the South during our recent convention tour, and the hottest place of all was Fort Worth, Texas. It

must be that the heat affected the thinking of a certain sports official in Fort Worth, for we can see no other reason for his decision to deny participation in the Golden Gloves tournament to a deaf athlete, as reported in this month's sports section.

We do not recommend boxing as a career for a young man, but if that is the line he chooses it is an outrage to ban him if he happens to be deaf, and it is to be hoped the Texas official realizes that by this time.

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THE STORY OF A NORWEGIAN BOY

E. L. Schetnan, Publisher

As told to A. W. Wright

IN THE PRINTING industry there are scores — perhaps hundreds — of deaf linotype operators, ad men, and pressmen with a goodly number owning job shops, and probably two or three publishing papers among and for the hearing public. At present the writer knows of only one, Enoch L. Schetnan, who has a weekly at Dupree, South Dakota, a town of about 500 population, between the Missouri river and the Bad Lands, in what was once mostly Indian reservation territory.

When Schetnan felt the lure to seek his fortune in that promising land to the west across the Atlantic ocean, he was still in full possession of his hearing facilities. Born on a farm near Trondheim, Norway, he went through the public schools, then worked on a fort near his home. After the work was finished he accompanied his father fishing for codfish for two winters. But by that time the "American Fever" manifested itself in his thinking, and, like so many other youths at that time, he decided to seek his fortune in the New World. Accordingly he left for America in May, 1902. "The trip was uneventful until the ship reached the St. Lawrence River, Canada, when it was noticed the ship was flying a yellow flag — contagious disease aboard. It was a Sunday morning. The hundreds of emigrants were landed on a small island in the St. Lawrence River, and were held in quarantine there for 18 days as it was claimed there was a case of smallpox among the passengers. They were all herded into large unsanitary barracks and did not get anything to eat for 24 hours when almost a riot developed among the hungry young men and women. Sanitation, as mentioned, was as rotten as it could be and the old barracks were dilapidated with big holes in the walls. With no bedding of any kind the first night young Schetnan had to walk to keep warm. The food served was also of a questionable character, and the result was that at the end of the 18 days Schetnan was a pretty sick boy, but he dared not complain for fear they would all be held longer as virtual prisoners on the small island.

When cleared he started across the continent to Seattle. The conductor telegraphed ahead that he had a crazy man aboard the train and a number of officials had gathered at the depot. Schetnan could still hear, but upon reaching the place he was to stay his hearing had

diminished to such an extent that only by shouting could he hear anything.

A doctor was called, but by this time young Schetnan had become delirious and when the doctor put a thermometer in his mouth he bit the glass tube into bits, and the doctor had to use force to open his mouth to remove the mercury.

Then six weeks in a hospital, 11 days with nothing to eat except a glass of milk with a raw egg in it. Fever rose to 108 degrees and the doctor gave him only 2 hours to make the last sad kick — but he held on. At the end of six weeks he could hardly stand on his pins, but started to gain strength. However the cerebro spinal meningitis had destroyed the equilibrium in the young fellow's top, and at first he had quite a time to keep within the width of the sidewalk. He obtained work and managed to keep on.

A friend had met Dr. Olof Hanson, the then well known deaf architect at Seattle, and arrangements were made that Schetnan meet him and their first visit happened to be Christmas Day, in the nice home of Dr. and Mrs. Hanson. As Dr. Hanson could use the Swedish language, and young Schetnan could also read it, the talk was in the Norwegian and Swedish languages.

It was decided that Schetnan ought to enter the school for the Deaf at Vancouver, Wash., and it was on the first day of March, 1906, that he entered the school. He was placed in one of the lower grades, but made such rapid progress in the English language that he was placed in the highest class the following fall. After two years he graduated.

While at school he worked in the print

shop, which was not much to brag of compared with today's print shops in schools for the deaf.

In the fall of 1908 we find young Schetnan matriculated at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. He remained there for two years, and during vacations worked in print shops. While at college he took a course in journalism in the Norwegian language, a language which almost everyone in Minnesota could use at that time.

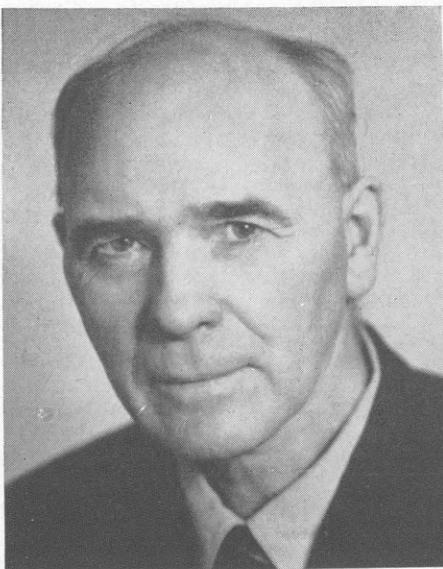
Next we find him on a claim nine miles from Dupree, on an Indian Reservation. Having married by this time and started a family, Schetnan obtained work in a print shop in Dupree, working two days a week, riding the distance of nine miles on horseback for his claim, and for ten years never missed a week except once during the big flu epidemic. Some times during the winter months the mercury had a habit of dropping to as much as 35 degrees below zero and Schetnan had to grow a full beard in order to protect his face from freezing. It was what the late Teddy Roosevelt termed "a strenuous life."

In 1921 he had a chance to take over the Redelm Record some 20 miles from the homestead. At first he drove there in a buggy, but later moved the family there.

In 1924 he started the West River Progress, having purchased a few cases of type, and with a borrowed Army press was in the newspaper game of his own. The paper prospered slowly and later was moved to Dupree, the county seat. For 16 long years Schetnan held his own in competition with several hearing editors of the other newspapers. Three

E. L. Schetnan at Linotype as publisher of his own newspaper.





E. L. SCHETNAN

years ago he bought out his competitor.

Besides the print shop, Mr. Schetnan also owns a four-room residence and an 880 acre ranch some 8 miles northwest of Dupree.

Mr. Schetnan also owned and printed the Eagle Butte News for 16 years, but owing to hazards during winters, sold the paper three years ago.

Having several times been snubbed with that he had "lived on charity" since he attended a school for the deaf, Mr. Schetnan set out to have the School for the Deaf of South Dakota removed from the Board of Charities and Corrections to that of the Board of Regents. It proved almost a hopeless task as it took 20 long years to accomplish it. Since Schetnan was in the newspaper business he attended political conventions and also went to legislative sessions for years trying to get the lawmakers interested. But it required a Constitutional amendment to make the change and the lawmakers were reluctant in doing anything since no constitutional amendment had received the approval of the people of the state for 25 years. Finally the members of the Legislature got tired of him and consented to place the amendment on the ballot, but with the warning it would not be approved by the people since they had acquired the habit of voting "NO." Then a few weeks prior to the election he took advantage of his printing press and sent articles to every newspaper in the state and the editors—to a man—printed his explanation of the Constitutional Amendment placing the School for the Deaf under the Board of Regents. The amendment carried by more than 7,000 votes, while another amendment up at the same election was defeated by the same number.

As a newspaper writer Mr. Schetnan is just an average guy, setting up all

his own copy direct on the Linotype machine. His newspaper published in a town of 400 souls has a circulation of 750, the paper going to practically every state in the Union with Californians being next in number to South Dakotans on the subscription list. His personal opinions are expressed in a column called "So and So," which is quite often quoted by the big daily newspapers of the state.

At the time Mr. Schetnan first came to Dupree it was only a town of tents, the reservation having just been opened to settlement so the first night he had to sleep under canvas.

The territory around Dupree is both a farming and a cattle country, and Mr. Schetnan generally writes up prominent farmers and ranchers every summer when he can drive out to the various ranches.

Mr. Schetnan has a Model 8 Linotype machine and has encountered very little trouble, even during the war days when parts were hard to obtain.

Mr. Schetnan is the father of three children — one boy and two girls. The son is a high school superintendent of a consolidated school at Brandon, S. D. only 7 miles east of Sioux Falls. There are 12 grandsons and two granddaughters. His wife died four years ago.

Mr. Schetnan is his own reporter, janitor, Linotype operator, proof reader and editor.

Six years ago Mr. Schetnan flew out to Seattle for a visit with two brothers — one of whom he had never seen before. He also visited the school for the deaf at Vancouver.

Five years ago he made a trip to Norway, flying all the way from Minneapolis to Oslo. He had not announced he was coming and greeted his mother with: "Kjender du mig?" ("Do you know me?") It was 46 years since they had seen each other.

While in Norway Mr. Schetnan also visited the schools for the deaf at both Trondheim and Oslo, but found them quite inferior to the American schools for the deaf.

He wrote 20 columns of news about the trip.

As for deaf men taking up newspaper work like he has done, Mr. Schetnan says he does not think there are insurmountable obstacles, provided the deaf man has a good command of English, and does not try it in too large a town. A town of around 500-600 population would be the best.

The Schetnan ranch is some 200 miles to the southeast of one of the latest oil discoveries, the Williston Basin in North Dakota. If it should be proved the oil strata extend down in this direction, his acres some day may be sprouting black gold instead of wheat and corn.

Kansas Boy Succeeds

By Pauline Conwell

The picture on the cover of THE SILENT WORKER this month shows Henry Yahn, of Sunflower, Kansas, and Miss Pauline Conwell has written the following article which explains why Henry is on our cover. We are proud to feature the achievements of deaf men like Henry Yahn.—Ed.

Henry Yahn, Assistant Chief Chemist of the Government Laboratory at the Sunflower Ordnance Works near Lawrence, Kansas, is one of the interesting ten-year men there. One of the most outstanding things about Henry is that despite the fact that he is totally deaf, he has not let his handicap discourage him or keep him from getting ahead.

Henry was born in Lawrence, Kansas. In his early years, his hearing began to fail and by the time he was 10 years old, and in the sixth grade, he was totally deaf and had to leave school. Lawrence is about sixty miles from Olathe, Kansas, where the state deaf school is located, but strange to say, it was three years before his parents learned about the school. After four years at the Kansas School, he graduated as valedictorian and went to Gallaudet College. At college he graduated second in his class at about the same time Depression hit the nation. Jobs were scarcer than hen's teeth (as Henry puts it) so he had to be a jack-of-all-trades — including working as a farm laborer in apple orchards, carpenter, painter, electrician, mason, mechanic and plumber.

In February, 1943, Henry came to work at Sunflower for the Hercules Powder Company as a "B" technician in the Water Department. After the war, when the Water Department was taken over by the Government (September 1946) he was made Junior Operating Engineer. Then they discontinued the manufacture of nitrogen fertilizer in 1948. Henry left the Water Department for Standby Maintenance. On July 1, 1951, Henry came to work for the Government Laboratory, where he was recently promoted to Assistant Chief Chemist. Will he go further up the ladder of success?

Henry has a little shop in his basement where he likes to work with metal and because of the variety of jobs in his youth, he is able to putter around a lot. His social activities and hobbies of bowling and photography keep him so well occupied that he has no time to find a helpmate so he is still single. Not from choice, he comments. He is known around the lab as a prankster and as a dependable all-around good guy.

At the Kansas Association of the Deaf convention held last August, Henry was elected the treasurer.

THE STEPHENS BOYS

By Sam B. Rittenberg

YOU MAY HAVE read or heard something about the Jones Boys or the James Boys who gained quite a reputation in the 1880s by robbing trains and banks. Or more likely should you have a pretty bad cough, you would hie yourself down to the corner drug store to get a pack of the Smith Brothers cough drops. And I bet you my last dollar that should you ask anybody who first invented and flew an airplane, you would be told the Wright Brothers did. But

Should you ever come to Birmingham and mingle with the deaf in that city you are sure to spot a nice looking fellow. Just to be congenial, you would ask him what his name was. "I am one of the Stephens Brothers," you would be told.

So hangs this story about the Stephens Brothers of Birmingham, Ala. Their names are Dow, Sr., Eugene, and James. These boys, of course, are all deaf. What makes this story all the more interesting is the fact that they were left orphans at a very early age, and grew up to be fine citizens of Birmingham, the Magic City.

This tale necessarily could not commence without touching at some length on Dow, Sr., for it was Dow, Sr., who having been the oldest of these remarkable brothers, had to quit school at Talladega in order to support his two younger brothers and keep them in school. Dow, Sr., had always been pretty handy with a hammer or wrench, so naturally he took to auto repairing. The year 1923 found him in Montgomery, Ala., running a small auto repair shop with another deaf man as a partner. This venture did not turn out so well, so he sold out and came to Birmingham. This was in the latter part of 1923. Dow, Sr., made the rounds of the factories in this industrial city. Failure after failure was his lot in trying to land employment. He was very much discouraged. But just when he was thinking about trying his luck on his uncle's farm near Montgomery, he ventured into a small electric repair plant owned by a man named Katz. This kindly gentleman took a liking to Dow, Sr., and urged him to study electricity in his spare time. Dow, Sr., took home books on this subject. He found the language and diagrams strange and confusing. This was made all the more bewildering by the fact that he had left school at an early age and did not have the education to understand the contents of the books. Several times



The Stephens boys. Left to right: Dow, Sr.; Dow, Jr.; Eugene, James.

Dow, Sr., was about to give up. But Mr. Katz kept encouraging him. And Dow, Sr., soon began to catch on. He continued to work in the daytime and study at night. And soon he started to show a remarkable aptitude for electrical repairing. And Mr. Katz was very proud of Dow, Sr. But some months later Mr. Katz died and the shop closed up.

Now the older of the Stephens brothers was again out of work. His two younger brothers were still in school and they had to depend on Dow, Sr., for whatever support was needed. After being out of work some time, he landed a job as an armature winder with the Sanford Company. Thanks to Mr. Katz, he proved to be a valuable employee of this firm. But in 1928 this plant closed up and Dow had to walk the streets again. Was he desperate? Who wouldn't be? By this time he had a wife and his first and only child to look after, to say nothing of two younger brothers still in school.

Now come the Brown Brothers, John and Doc. It was in 1918 that these brothers saw that there was a vital need in the servicing of electrical equipment in Birmingham, then a young and bustling city. They established the Electrical Repair and Service Co. From that start has grown one of the most efficient operations in the electric service industry. This plant was just celebrating 10 years of continued growth when Dow, Sr., blew in, asking for any kind of work, armature winding preferred. The Brown Brothers, like Mr. Katz, could not help but like Dow, Sr. He was hired, and has been with this firm ever since 1928.

Just to give an idea of what this firm and Dow, Sr., do:

Not long ago a large industrial plant

in North Alabama had a failure in a 500-hp, 81 8/10 RPM motor that was some 20 feet in diameter. It was too large to take off the base, so Electric Repair and Service Co. sent a crew into the plant. Dow, Sr., was one of the crew members. Since for each hour the plant was shut down the cost mounted by multiple thousands of dollars, the service company put its men on a 24-hour schedule and promised to have the motor running within 48 hours. Actually this company rewound the motor in 30 hours, and the plant lost no time because it was able to open Monday morning. No job is too big for this firm.

Dow, Sr., has practically grown up with the Electric Repair and Service Co. His cheerfulness and quiet demeanor have won the respect and affection of the employees. Not only is he good at electrical repairing, but he is a good plumber and painter. He owns his home and does all the work around the house. His wife is the former Naomi Lewis, who was a dietitian when she said "yes" to the older of the Stephens boys.

Now about the two younger Stephens brothers:

When Eugene finished school in 1932 after a brilliant career as student and athlete, he worked at some odd jobs in Birmingham and Chattanooga. He soon saw he was getting nowhere, so he decided to try the plant where his older brother worked. He did not ask Dow, Sr., to use his influence in any way. He just applied for any kind of work and obtained employment at small pay. Eventually he became a valuable worker just like his older brother, and has been there the past 21 years. He married the former Lila Johnston, one of the best clothing reweavers in Birmingham. Just like Dow, Sr., he is a jack of all trades.

But his hobby is model airplane making. He has won several first places at model airplane exhibits. Cabinet making is another of Eugene's avocations.

James worked in some printing plants upon graduation from the Talladega school in 1934 where he had been one of the greatest football players in its history, standing well over six feet and weighing 185 pounds. He soon found printing not to his liking, so he decided to see what he would do about crashing the Electric Service and Repair Co. More likely he thought his big brothers needed his company! Needless to say, he was put to work, and soon after this, he started to get ideas. He thought \$12 a week was enough for two to live on. So he went down to Moulton, Ala., one day in October, 1936 and brought back to B'ham as a bride the former Miss Julia Bryant, his schooldays sweetheart. Twin boys and a girl now call James and Julia Pa and Mom.

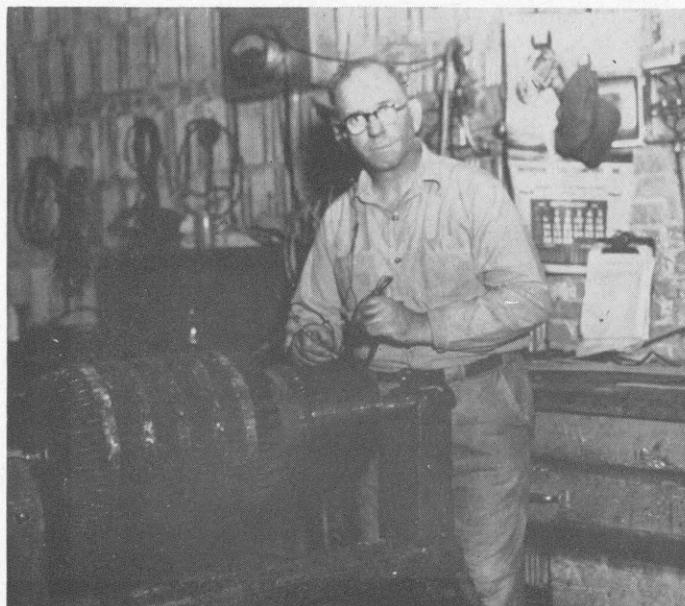
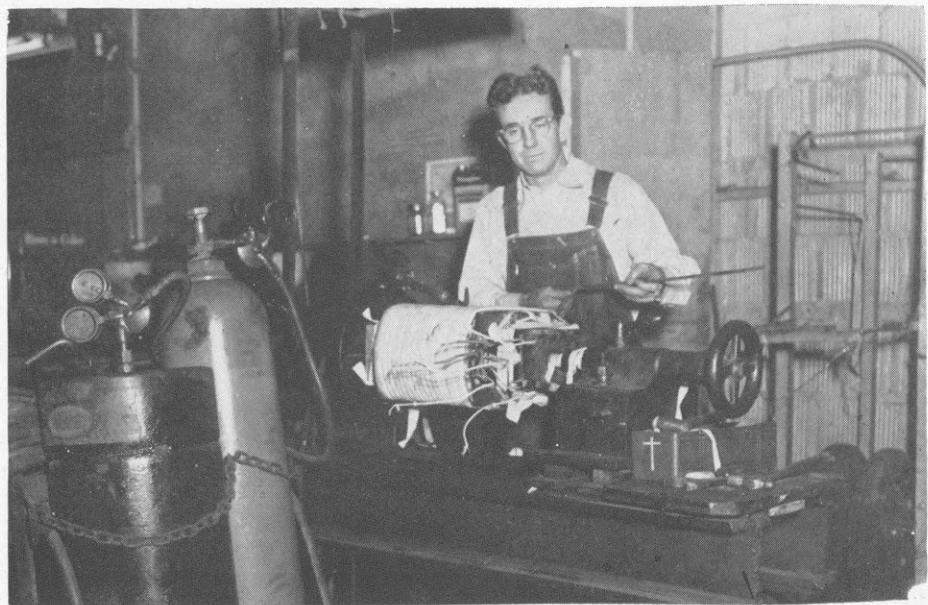
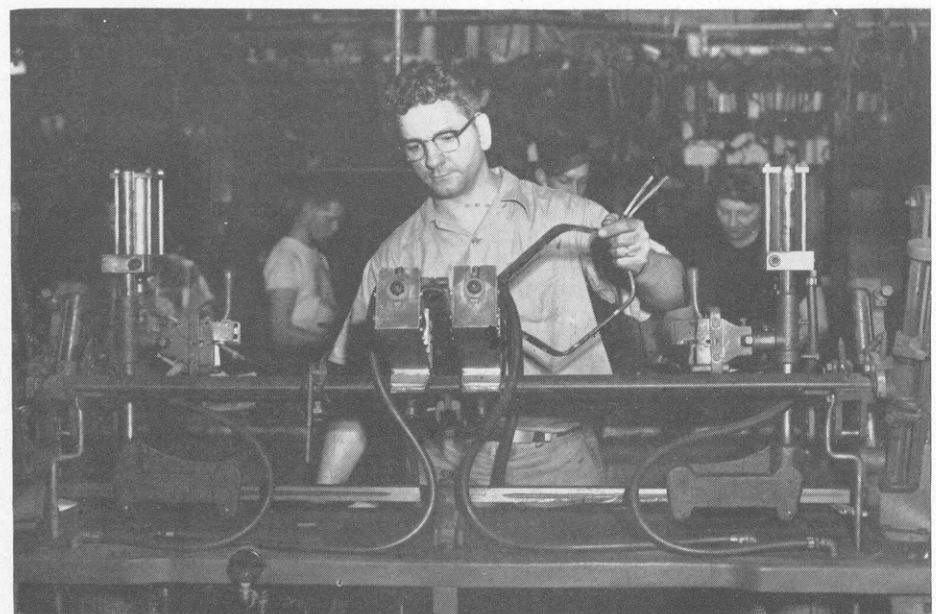
Oh yes, there is another Stephens boy trying to emulate his father and two uncles. He is Dow, Jr., son of Dow, Sr. He has been with the Electric Repair and Service Co. only a few years, but just give him time!

What does the boss think of the Stephens Boys? Well, just listen:

"They are good, hard workers. They are very dependable and do not make many mistakes once they have been shown how to do something correctly."

So ends the story of the Stephens Boys, who are all members of the St. John's Episcopal Church for the Deaf. National Fraternity Society of the Deaf and the Birmingham Club for the Deaf. Citizens to be proud of.

On this page are shown the Stephens boys at work. Top, James spreads coils for motors. Next, Eugene rewinds a transformer. Bottom, left, Dow, Sr., tests winding of armature. Right, Dow, Jr., rewinds hand type armature.





John Dolph and fellow-travelers prepare for take-off on flight to Europe.

A PENNSYLVANIAN TOURS EUROPE

By John C. Dolph

Last year THE SILENT WORKER published a lengthy account of a tour of Europe by Marcus L. Kenner. At the same time Mr. Kenner was in Europe, another party was on a similar tour. Below this party's experiences are described by John C. Dolph, at the request of a number of his friends.—Ed.

I LEFT ERIE on July 29th, 1953, after working all day, by plane for New York, and spent the night at the Commodore Hotel near the N.Y.C. depot. From here Harold Piatt and myself went to the Belgian Airline office where we met a party of deaf people who were waiting for the bus to take us to the airport. There were altogether 21 deaf, six of them being scheduled to participate in the different sports for the United States in the deaf International Games. The agent was kept pretty busy checking our tickets, passports, baggage and other things for the next hour, then we left the office of Sabena, the Belgian Airline for Idlewood airport by bus. We then had a wait of 45 minutes, finally boarding the Sabena plane which carries 80 passengers. We left New York at 1:30 p.m. and dinner was later served to all the passengers.

We had a good view of Sidney, Nova Scotia, later stopping at Gander, Newfoundland, where the plane was serviced. While waiting we had coffee and bought postcards, then hopped off for Brussels at 8 p.m. We did not see a thing but

clouds while crossing the Atlantic Ocean. We sighted land after 5½ hours, and finally arrived in Brussels at 8 a.m., or 3 o'clock according to my watch which I turned ahead 5 hours.

We were met at the airport terminal by the wife of the man who runs the travel agency, and were to leave at 8:30 p.m. for London, but due to a mixup we missed the plane and had to wait five hours for the next plane to London. Six of our group were left in Brussels to do some training before the games which were to be held 12 days later.

We arrived at the Croydon airport out of London after a 1½ hour ride and were taken by bus to the customs office, where two protestant ministers, missionaries to the deaf people in Great Britain, met us and acted as interpreters. We were requested to let the customs officer know how much we had in American money. We had to open our suitcases for inspection and were asked if we brought gifts for our friends. When we said none, the officers did not bother to inspect our suitcases.

We went to London in a chartered bus, taking 45 minutes, and upon entering the hotel, found three deaf people to greet us. Later they took us by city bus to a well known restaurant. One of the young Englishmen, John Spearing, surprised us by using our sign language and the one-hand method of spelling, which differs from the English methods. They use the two-hand method to talk.

John lost his hearing while a little boy, and was educated in an English school for deaf. When he had finished school, his hearing was restored by accident. He works as an accountant in an English business firm. He told me he hoped he could come to America to attend the National Association of Deaf convention to be held in Cincinnati during the summer of 1955.

The following morning a representative from the travel agency came by to exchange our money for us, and we went on a tour of London in our chartered bus. We saw Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing Street, the home of Sir Winston Churchill, Westminster Abbey, the Parliament Building, and many other well known places. We were quite disappointed to find the stores closed on account of a holiday. We went in the evening by city subway and bus to a Protestant Church some 10 miles north of London to be the guests of the English deaf. We enjoyed conversing with them, and I found that some of them had knowledge of our one-hand method. One of them told me that our presence had brought 300 English deaf to the gathering.

We left London at noon the next day, arriving in Brussels 1½ hours later. The wife of the agent and the guide met us at the airport and quickly helped us through the customs, then we came to the hotel by chartered bus and had a good dinner. We made a tour of Brussels



Dolph and his party in Brussels.

in the afternoon. In the evening, the Catholic priest and three deaf fellows took us and served us wine.

The next day we left Brussels for Holland, going through Antwerp and crossing the border after having our passports stamped. Nearing Amsterdam, we saw hundreds of people riding bicycles along the highway. After dinner at the restaurant, we spent two hours riding through the canals. Then we left Amsterdam for the Hague, the seat of International Court of Justice, and the residence of Queen Juliana. We spent half an hour shopping around then went through Rotterdam. This city seems to have recovered quickly from the effects of the war, and has very modern homes. Again we stopped at the border to have our passports stamped. The guide advised us to get some lunch as we would arrive in Brussels very late. However we got back after 10 in the evening and had dinner at the hotel. We

walked around the streets until midnight.

The next day we had an early breakfast and started out in our chartered bus for Germany, Switzerland, and France. The first day we went through Acheson, the first German city where a lot of buildings and homes were ruined by the bombs and many houses showed numerous bullet holes. We stopped in Cologne to look at the Cathedral there. Enroute we had a nice view of the mountains and the Rhine River and saw many castles up on the hills. We arrived in Dudesheim where we spent the night in the hotel. Upon entering the hotel, we found a party of 30 German deaf there to welcome us. We spent the evening visiting with them. I was told that the married deaf had no children as Hitler had ordered them to be sterilized. We met an old man about 75 who was Germany's delegate to the convention of the National Association of Deaf in St. Louis during the year 1904. He had a very good memory of the American sign language. The deaf children are not allowed to learn the sign language in schools.

We left Rudesheim on the second day for Heidelberg. A young German deaf couple accompanied us all the way and explained places of interest along the route. We had dinner in a Heidelberg restaurant then went to a hotel where we had our rooms. Later we went shopping in the town and at night said goodbye to our young German friends who went back home.

We left Heidelberg on the third day for Frankfort, saw the airport there and went on to Stuttgart along the Autobahn, supposed to be the best highway in Germany. Our German deaf friends urged us to stop and see the home for the aged deaf and we did. I was told that the home was destroyed by bombs

and some of the inmates killed. The new home was built by the town after the end of the war.

We stopped for lunch along the highway before we crossed the border into Switzerland and arrived in Lucerne very late, had our dinner and walked about the town.

The fourth day we spent in Lucerne looking at all the sights and a lot of our group did some shopping for watches and other things. I purchased a calendar watch for \$87.00. I learned later the same watch in the United States costs \$144.00. In the afternoon we had a wonderful ride on Lake Lucerne. We left Lucerne for Interlaken on the fifth day, viewing the mountains along the route. We arrived in Interlaken and had dinner at the hotel and in the afternoon made an excursion to Lauterbrunner Valley and the Trummelbach Falls, most impressive of all, formed by the Galder Torrents of the Jungfrau. We made this trip by elevator. Then back to the hotel for dinner, spending the evening at the Casino.

The seventh day we spent the morning and had dinner there, then boarded the steamer for a fifteen-mile ride, and the bus driver picked us up at Lauranne, and we continued by bus to Geneva. This made a pleasant break in our routine. We saw the League of Nations building and had dinner at the hotel, spending the evening looking around the city of Geneva. Before arriving in Geneva, our bus had a flat tire, the only trouble we had since leaving Brussels.

The seventh day we spent the morning shopping, and after dinner left for Dijon, France. After crossing the border and the highest mountains, we stopped along the highway to let the motor cool off, and enjoyed a light lunch. We continued our trip, arriving in Dijon in time for our evening meal at the hotel.

The eighth day we left in the morning, stopping at Barbazon, a mile off the highway, for dinner. We arrived in Paris around 5:30, where we met Monsieur Rubens Alcais, who greeted us warmly. He is the man who originated the International Games for the deaf athletes in 1924. He was president of the organization for several years, finally being replaced by a man from Sweden, but was retained as adviser. He is 69 years old. He told us he had letters from the Russian deaf who wanted to enter the games, but the Soviet government refused to let them participate. Lack of funds kept men from other countries from participating. Monsieur Alcais made arrangements for a deaf Frenchman to act as our guide while in Paris. We had dinner at the hotel and saw some movies. Had planned to attend the opera some ten miles from the hotel, but the transportation strike prevented our going.



The ninth day we spent looking over Paris, seeing all the interesting places among them the Eiffel Tower and the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tenth day we stopped at the deaf school and saw the statue of the Catholic priest Monsieur Epee, who invented the sign language and one-hand method we use. This priest taught Dr. Gallaudet the sign language and he started the first deaf school in America, in Hartford, Conn., during the year of 1812. We next visited Versailles, and while here met a crowd of Italian deaf enroute to Brussels. In the afternoon we were free to shop. We got about by the use of taxicabs, due to the transportation strike.

The 11th day we left Paris for Brussels, stopping at Chateau Thierry, the American cemetery. I looked up the name of one of my cousins killed in the first world war, but his grave was too far away to visit. We went through the country where two more of my cousins fought in the first world war. We looked at the Cathedral of Rheims and passed the scene of the Battle of Waterloo on our way to Brussels, arriving there in time for dinner. In the evening we watched the basketball games. During the four days we spent there, we watched the different games being played and enjoyed meeting the deaf from all parts of the world. It was easy for me to understand them so long as they used the natural sign language. I met a man from Australia who was an excellent hand speller, although generally the deaf use the English two-hand method.

We had a big banquet while in Brussels and the menu consisted of soup, fish salad, a big steak, chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, coffee and ice cream, also champagne and two kinds of wine. The people in these countries use wines a lot in place of water for drinking. We were to go back to Paris for a couple of days, but were advised not to on account of the transportation strike, so we spent these days in Brussels, visiting the deaf schools, self-supported deaf club and other places.

We left Brussels August 22nd by plane, stopping at Shannon, Ireland, airport for 45 minutes while they serviced the plane. We made another stop at Gander, Newfoundland, before arriving in New York. I spent a day in New York before coming home to Erie by plane.

Mr. Reuben Altizer of Washington, D. C., should be given a lot of credit for forming a party of deaf to make this trip to Europe and also Hans Schroeder for taking many fine pictures of our party.

Italy is to be host for the next series of International Games in the year of

At right, the travelers at Lucerne, Switzerland.

1957. We should plan ahead for this event by interesting our young deaf athletes to prepare themselves for participating in the games and our deaf clubs should take an active part in this by setting up funds to sponsor these young fellows. If all the clubs were to begin at once to start this fund, there would be money available for sending over some good deaf athletes to participate in these games.

This last summer we had six athletes representing the U.S.A. They managed to get 34 points and finished in 11th place. If we could send 50 athletes to the meet, we would have more chances for points and perhaps win a championship. Our group, though small, was praised for the good showing they made in all kinds of games.

Altogether there were 40 deaf from the United States who attended the meet. I was much surprised and pleased to receive a card of honorary membership into the London deaf club, sent me by John Spearing, secretary of the club, who also sent me the magazine of the London Deaf Club, which stated that the American deaf visitors were all made honorary members of their club.

I think it would be an excellent idea for the N.A.D. officers to extend an invitation to John to attend the convention in Cincinnati as a representative from Great Britain. He is a brilliant young man, 26 years of age. He is the chap I mentioned before who lost his hearing and was educated in a deaf school, later regaining his hearing. He is still loyal to the deaf people, and takes an active part in their affairs, and did a very nice job as interpreter during our stay in London.

I would like to suggest that the officers of the National Association of the Deaf send a special invitation to Monsieur Rubens Alcais, the founder of



The American tourists at the statue of the Abbé de l'Épée in Paris. The Abbé invented the one-hand manual alphabet.

International Games, to attend the national convention in Cincinnati in 1955. I am sure he would create enthusiasm for making the trip for the athletes to participate and the rest of us to view the games.

In Holland, Switzerland and Germany, the deaf children are not allowed to learn the sign language. It would seem a good idea for the N.A.D. to publish a book of sign language in foreign languages to be sent to these countries as a gift of the American Deaf in order to teach the adult deaf the sign language.

In conclusion, I want to say that the trip was wonderful and very instructive and something more besides. It makes us appreciate our own United States to a much greater extent. We don't have to get out passports every time we go from one state to another or have our money changed in order to spend it in another state.



Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

St. Mary's School

By Sister Rose Gertrude

Location

St. Mary's School for the Deaf is situated in one of the select residential sections of Buffalo, New York, in the vicinity of Delaware Park, with its Zoological Gardens, Albright Art Gallery and Historical Building. It is also within walking distance of the Buffalo Museum of Natural Sciences. Although primarily a residential school, day pupils are also admitted. The children who live in the vicinity of Buffalo spend week-ends and holidays at home. A large campus affords spacious grounds for healthful outdoor play and exercise.

Historical Background

At the request of the Right Reverend John Timon, first Bishop of Buffalo, the work of educating the deaf in the western part of New York State was undertaken by the Sisters of St. Joseph. As a young priest in 1836, Bishop Timon had met the original group of Sisters of St. Joseph when they came to America from France. Among this little band of missionaries were two who had been trained in France in methods of teaching the deaf, and who had come to America for this purpose. Father Timon's interest in founding a work for the deaf originated with this meeting.

On September 26, 1853, St. Mary's School for the Deaf was incorporated, pursuant to "An Act for the Incorporation of Benevolent, Charitable and Missionary Societies." The Sisters began

their work in 1856 on Edward Street in three little cottages on an acre lot. This had been presented to the Bishop by Louis Le Couteulx, a French nobleman, for the express purpose of building a school for the deaf. By 1859 there were under instruction four girls and a few boys as day pupils.

On September 2, 1862, a brick building erected on the original site was opened and that year eleven pupils were enrolled.

From time to time additions were made to meet the growing needs, and in 1879 the entire school was moved to its present location on Main Street. The Main Building contains the Administration, Junior and Senior High School Classes, Dormitories and Recreation Rooms. A trades building, gymnasium and boys' dormitory were added at various times. In 1932 an adjoining building devoted to the work of the Primary Grades was erected and is known as St. Joseph's Primary Hall.

This building is modeled after the Georgian style of architecture in red tapestry brick and buff limestone, with steps leading to an attractive entrance. The exterior corresponds well with the interior, where beauty, simplicity, and every modern facility complete an ideal home and school for young children.

In 1951 another building was constructed at right angles to Primary Hall. This building is also modeled in the

Georgian style of architecture matching Primary Hall in red tapestry brick and buff limestone.

On the ground floor the Primary Boys have their playroom completely modern in every way, making it an ideal spot for the tiny boys. On the north end of the ground floor is a spacious and lovely auditorium known as "The Little Theatre," where assemblies and rhythm classes are held.

The first floor is devoted to the classrooms of the Intermediate Department and the Teacher-Training Department. On the second floor there are sunny and home-like dormitories, modern wash-rooms and lavatories. Also on this floor is a Boys' Infirmary, Isolation Rooms and Kitchenette.

Built in the form of a quadrangle and covered with Black Top Pavement is an ideal playground for the younger children. This playground is equipped with Swings, See-saw, Merry-Go-Rounds and Basketball facilities.

From its earliest history, the officials of the school have appreciated the cordial relations and splendid cooperation of the New York State Department of Education. Representatives from the various State Departments have ever by their counsel and encouragement furthered the development of the work for the deaf at St. Mary's.

Faculty

There are thirty-seven Sisters on the faculty at St. Mary's. Those not engaged in actual classroom work, direct and supervise the various departments throughout the school. There are also twenty-five lay teachers and a group of assistant lay supervisors who devote their time to the children. The teachers have taken advantage of the opportunity for advancement afforded by the proximity of Mt. St. Joseph Teachers College, Canisius College, Niagara University, and by the cooperative plan of teacher training between the University of Buffalo and St. Mary's. Many of the teachers have also taken courses for teachers of the deaf held at various centers throughout the country.

Organization

At St. Mary's the system of grading approved by the Department of Education for Residential Schools for the Deaf of New York State is followed. The first four grades are divided into years A and B to allow for the foundation work in education, which, of necessity, requires a longer period than for a child with normal hearing. The use of hearing aids, both group and individual, is considered most important. Trained Teachers of the Faculty give special attention to this phase of the education of the deaf.

Left, the school building, St. Mary's School for the Deaf.



List of Grades

Primary	Intermediate
Preschool	Grade 4A
Preparatory	Grade 4B
Grade 1A	Grade 5
Grade 1B	Grade 6
Grade 2A	
Grade 2B	
Grade 3A	
Grade 3B	

Junior High School	High School
Grade 7	Second Year
Grade 8	Third Year
Grade 9 (First Year)	Fourth Year
High	

Additional Classes

Natural Language Classes
Art and Rhythmn Classes
Dancing Classes
Manual Classes for Special Pupils

Preschool

The procedure followed in the Preschool class consists primarily of play activity with the same materials and equipment which have been scientifically established for the hearing child of preschool age. The program also includes sense training, vocabulary building, and first steps in speech, speech reading and reading. These accomplishments cannot be too carefully developed, for with this group there must be no strain, no warping of the natural happiness and joy of childhood.

The principles of the Belgian Method of identification and ideo-visual are adopted in the initial preschool work and satisfactory results obtained. The identification exercises which consist of identifying and matching objects, words, and pictures train the children in habits of concentration. The ideo-visual exercises enable the children to recognize words as a unit and thus lead to the first steps in reading. Unconsciously the children learn to recognize pictures of familiar objects with the written and printed form beneath.

Primary Grades

Children remain in the Preschool until they are five years of age then enter



A young pupil at St. Mary's takes his first steps in learning speech.

the Preparatory Class which leads to the work of Grade 1A. The program for this year includes activities and supervised play periods but more time is devoted to speech and speech reading.

In the Primary Grades the greatest stress is placed upon the development of written and spoken language. The principles of the Belgian Method are applied in all the primary work which includes vocabulary building, sentence construction, number work and original language. Steps are taken in these grades to discover what children have sufficient residual hearing to profit by special auricular training. In the daily program at least one hour is assigned for formal speech training. A specially prepared outline of work suitable for deaf children is followed.

Intermediate Grades

The classroom work for the intermediate grades is arranged for the further development of speech, language and number work and for greater stress upon the social studies. When

the pupils have reached the fifth grade they are expected to begin the work of the State syllabus for normal children.

Junior High School

The establishment of the Junior High School at St. Mary's has been a successful experiment. It serves as a strong incentive to further endeavor for the pupils of the elementary grades. Graduation from Junior High School affords satisfaction to the pupils who cannot reach academic attainment for the Senior High School work.

Senior High School

With the approval of the New York State Department of Education, an adjustment was made in the High School Program to provide for the special needs of the deaf. Business Arithmetic was substituted for Geometry and other electives for the modern language. Following is the program for the High School according to the requirements for the New York State Regents Diploma:

First Year (Ninth Grade)	Second Year
Religion I	Religion II
English I	English II
General Science	Algebra
Social Science	History A
Elementary Business Training	Typewriting I
Health	Health

Fourth Year
Religion IV
English IV
History C
Latin II
Typewriting and Business Machine Practice
Bookkeeping I or other elective
Health

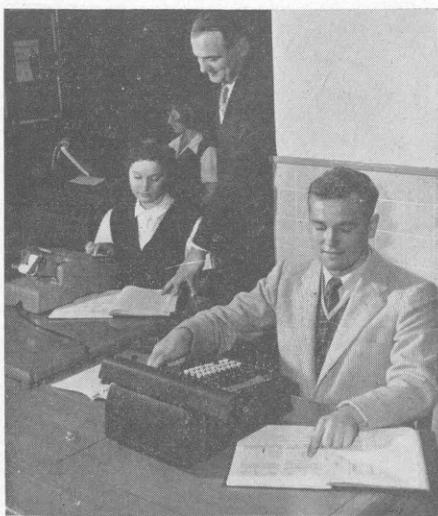
Third Year
Religion III
English III
History B
Latin I
Typewriting
Business Machine Practice
Business Arithmetic or other elective
Health

Natural Language

In every school for the deaf a group of children is found who have natural

Left, St. Mary's school audiologist adjusts hearing aids.





A high school class takes business training.

language. This language was either acquired before hearing was lost, or a sufficient degree of hearing remains to permit the use of natural language. The children in this class belong in different grades where the class work is carried on as far as possible with the use of methods for normal children. The pupils with residual hearing are given auricular instruction. The piano and voice work with this group is directed towards the conservation of residual hearing and the development of the natural voice.

Residual Hearing

The proper classification of children with defective hearing depends largely upon the degree of sound perception which the child possesses. All of the State Schools are equipped with hearing aids and different mechanical devices to aid auricular training. At St. Mary's, besides individual hearing aids for amplifying sounds, such as Sonotones, Acousticons, Aurex and Zenith machines, there are Western Electric, Maico, Warren Units, etc. for group instruction. The hearing of every child is tested on the Audio Development Co. Audiometer, Model 25 at least once a year.

Religious and Moral Training

From the earliest history of American Schools for the deaf, religious and moral instruction has been regarded by the authorities and patrons of these schools as of the highest importance.

There are children of different denominations in each of the seven New York State Residential Schools and in every case deference is given to the wish of the parents in regard to the participation of children in the religious services of the school. The following arrangement in regard to religious training is carried on at St. Mary's: Catholic children receive the regular instructions.

Right: Graduation day on the campus.

During the time of these classes in Religion, non-Catholic children are given lessons in ethical and moral training. No exception is made to this procedure unless by the expressed wish of the parents. Invariably they request that their children be taught to love and serve God and to practice Christian morality and virtue.

A program of Religious instruction has been developed for the primary and grammar grades. The students in the High School Department are expected to complete the work outlined in a syllabus approved by the New York State Department of Education for Catholic Students in secondary schools. The Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York grants one unit for the completion of this course. The teaching of Religion to deaf children, however, cannot be limited to any definite course or outline. Every possible means must be adapted to supplement the regular outline and to make the Religion lessons vital and interesting. Too much care cannot be given to this religious training in order to bring the children to a knowledge and love of God, and to train them to take a worthy part in the social and civic affairs of this community.

Scouting

Executives of schools for the deaf recognize and adopt the Scout Movement as a definite educational and recreational factor in the management of residential schools. At St. Mary's the scouts participate successfully in all enterprises of the regular scout organizations. They begin as Tenderfoots to advance themselves step by step to Second Class, to First Class and to Leadership. The progress of the deaf is often steadier, surer and quicker than other scouts because of their regularity of attendance, their training in the various trades, and their keen powers of observation.

The scout activities are excellent

mediums for character building, for self-discipline and for development for discernment and quick thinking. The work required for the attainment of each merit badge and the far-reaching goals held out to them, give the children something to plan for and are an incentive for high endeavor.

Social Education

Extra-curricular activities have a definite influence on the social and educational development of children in residential schools for the deaf. Hence there is on the part of administrators of these schools a realization of their value as an integral part of the general school plan.

At St. Mary's a program of social and recreational procedure takes the place of the evening study hour which has been a seemingly indispensable part of the program in all residential schools for many years. Teachers take an active part in the extra-curricular program and each teacher is responsible for one of the grade social clubs which meets one evening a week.

Inter-grade "organizations" known as clubs are regarded as sources of interest and enjoyment. At the opening of school the pupils of two or more grades, representing nearly the same grade level, organize a society, elect officers and with the advice of their teachers, decide upon some special form of activity for the coming year.

An effort is made to train the children, so that when they leave school they may be able to adjust themselves to the social life of their families and friends. They must therefore acquire during their school course the rudiments of etiquette, social poise and graceful bearing. Parties and receptions are held throughout the school year to which are invited the faculty, student body and members of the training class. The senior classes carry out these social programs on their own responsibility under



supervision of the senior counselor. This phase of educational development is most essential as a preparation for social life after graduation.

Visual Education

One of the most effective and universal means of appeal, especially in the education of the deaf, is the use of visual equipment. At least once a week educational and theatrical films are shown primarily for entertainment. A portable motion picture projector is used in connection with class work, as aids to teachers in the social studies, science and literature. Two slide projectors, one for the primary and one for the academic department, are in constant use. The latest equipment for film strips and other visual helps has been purchased, and a library of film strips is constantly being enlarged.

Alumni

Closely associated with St. Mary's are the Alumni Associations. The Holy Name Society for men and the Holy Rosary Society for women meet on the second Sunday of the month for religious services and social activities. Once a month High School Alumni members meet in the school auditorium and during the year conduct parties, socials and study clubs. Biennial reunions at St. Mary's afford opportunity for the renewal of old friendships, contact with former teachers and the promotion of the social life so essential to the happiness of the deaf.

Vocational Guidance and Training

Vocational instruction includes primarily trades of Printing, Woodworking, Wood-finishing, Sheet Metal and Sign Writing for the boys. The proximity of St. Mary's to the excellent trade schools of Buffalo affords opportunity for intensive training in welding, mechanics, design, aircraft, assembly and auto mechanics. For the girls there are Home Economics, Sewing, Advanced Dressmaking, Power Machine Operation, Handicraft and Ceramics. Commercial Courses are conducted for both boys and girls in the regular High School Classes.

Physical Education

A diversified program of physical training activities is carried on through the grades and special corrective exercises are given as the individual need requires. Athletics form an important part of the physical training program. In the early fall there are intra-mural games of handball, table tennis, baseball and badminton.

When the indoor season begins the teams for basketball are formed. The fifteen year old boys belong to the parochial School Basketball League. The League Tournament, which is an annual affair of great interest, is composed of teams representing different residential schools for the deaf.



The 1953-54 basketball team, St. Mary's school.

The girls' gymnasium work includes corrective work, indoor competitive games, tennis, archery and other outside sports.

Art

The field of art offers unlimited opportunities for the development of interests or hobbies which it is hoped will train the students in the proper use of leisure time. At St. Mary's this work is begun even in the preschool where the little ones learn to handle the brush and water colors with an unusual degree of skill. The art work is continued through the primary and intermediate grades in connection with class activities in which the regular class teacher is assisted by the art instructor. The Junior High School students have regular art classes and are called to prepare posters to advertise school entertainments and to supply the programs and scenery for different school plays. The Senior High School students are encouraged to use their ability by preparing illustrations for their class work. Aptitude in this branch is especially helpful for Science students and for those who prepare drawings for the Year Book.

Artistic craft work and ceramics form a part of the Art Program.

Library Facilities

Besides the Main Library there are in the senior recreation rooms smaller libraries for the use of the children. There are also professional libraries for the Sister-teachers and the teacher training class. Collections of books and pictures from the Buffalo Public Library are obtained by the different grades in connection with the study of various units of class work. There are also picture libraries in both the primary and academic departments of the school.

Teacher Training

A Program approved by the New York State Department of Education for

teachers of the deaf, is carried on at St. Mary's in cooperation with the University of Buffalo. Qualified students may become candidates for a certificate issued jointly by the Council of the University and the Trustees of St. Mary's School. Such students may also become candidates for the degree of Master of Education (Ed.M.) through the University School of Education.

Beginning with the 1951-1952 academic year, the Cooperative Program for Preparing Teachers of the Deaf, instituted in 1937, leading to the Certificate in Teaching of the Deaf, included the courses listed below:

Courses in Teaching the Deaf

Methods of Teaching Speech to the Deaf
Methods of Teaching Language to the Deaf
Methods of Teaching Speech Reading to the Deaf
Audiology and Acoustic Training
Auditory and Speech Mechanism
Education and Guidance of the Deaf
Psychology and Guidance of the Handicapped
Practicum — Teaching of the Deaf
Includes Organization, Materials Discussion, Demonstration, Methods of teaching school subjects, Observation and Supervised Student Teaching.

The Program is approved by the New York State Education Department and by the Conference of Executives American Instructors of the Deaf.

Because St. Mary's School is a religious school, it is frequently considered a denominational or private school, but it receives most of its support from the state. It accepts pupils of all denominations, and it is larger than any of the denominational schools. It has close to three hundred pupils, and the school plant is valued at about a million dollars.

The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

Some misguided individuals think they were sent to earth to raise h—— with every school that does not think or act as a few believe it should. If it isn't this, it is usually that! Now, how are we ever to convince parents of small deaf children that the residential schools are the place for them if a few sore-heads are constantly hammering away at administration, policies, and things in general for the reading pleasure of the public via the press? No wonder day schools are on the march. It is time we sat down for some deep and cool thinking. Let us say this: there is no school bad enough for criticism to result in its closing, and there is no school good enough but that it cannot be made better.

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A friend asked us this question which we, in turn are asking you: "Is a hearing person who prefers to go around in the company of the deaf, delighting in conversing with them in the language of signs, well, is he restored to society or removed from it?"

Quick, one of you tell us. We are just dying to know the answer.

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Another text which schools for the deaf could do well to present to advanced classes is "Personal Problems." It deals with about everything. We had a lot of fun teaching it, and we can say in all truthfulness it is a subject which held the attention of the entire class from bell to bell. Now, if we could say the same thing about other texts, what a swell world we would be living in!

If any one is interested in this text we will be happy to go into details.

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This was written by Mr. R. G. Miller who conducts a column, "The Smoking Room," in the Oklahoma City Times. We think it a good idea to pass this particular piece on to you because, after all, we work with and for children.

The Smoking Room

There is a first time for everything, they say, and this is the first time RGM has reached back into the files of by-gone years and pulled out an old column to reproduce. Another "week" is upon us. This time it is "parental delinquency" week. At the moment we do not recall any parents, old maids or bachelors who were clear of faults and blemishes in behavior but, anyhow, editors and welfare pushers are called upon to bring the week to the attention of homemakers, the bringer-uppers of youngs and adult citizens in general. The points in this column were pulled out of the atmosphere of experience and

pamphlets — years ago and we reprint it by request.

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This is "parental delinquency" week. It is a period set apart for mom and pop to pause, study, look in the mirror and see if they can learn how parents contribute to the delinquency of their own children. These youngn's who stay out all hours of the night, slide dad's car around corners, learn to smoke and drink in honky-tonks and carry a general air of impudence — the parents are to blame for a lot of that, it says in the stuff handed us. Personally, we regard much of the alarm voiced about juvenile delinquency as piffle. The youngsters of today are all right, the best we've known. Some of them go wrong; some of them always did go wrong if we can believe the Bible and history of the human race. Anyway we're going to put in our nickel's worth about the subject. So come closer, moms and pops, let's have a look at ourselves for whatever good it may do.

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You say today's children are not interested in good books. Why? Who guided them in their early choice of literature? If they prefer trash and bing-bang stuff now, why? How long has it been since the children saw you reading a good book? Have a look at the books on the shelves and sometimes kept hidden in your house? Did the children bring in all of the books you find there? Are you proud of the example you have set in reading?

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In many homes the blessing is asked at the dinner table only when the preacher or other company is being entertained. Don't you reckon the children wonder about it? If the blessing is good for company why isn't it good for the home folks?

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Papa often reminds his son that he spends too much money for malts and hamburgers. He tells the boy to save part of his money and quit stuffing so much. However, the son observes that papa smokes cigars that cost 14 cents each and appropriates a few dollars for poker or golf each week.

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Mama raises Cain when the sons and daughters come into the house without cleaning the dirt and grass off their shoes, but if the pretty, fuzzy cats tussle on the rugs, spreading fur all over the place, there's no objection, and when the hen party gets through playing bridge and spilling refreshments on the rugs, it's all right. Children note the difference.

Papa, how long has it been since you handed your son a whole dollar and told him to spend it as he pleases, no questions to be asked? Have you done anything else in the last year or two, besides lecture him, to cause the boy to exclaim, "What a man is pop!"?

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You say your children have no interest in any vocational work around home. Do you try to teach them how to take the squeaks out of door hinges, put new putty in windows, tighten up the lawnmower, polish the silverware, spray the shrubs and flowers, re-sod the lawn?

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If it isn't right for the boy to spend his money at junk races and play a little penny-ante in a smoke-filled room, why is it all right for his dad to spend one night a week at a wrestling match, another night at a boxing show and sneak off another night, occasionally, to a chicken fight in some rural hideaway? The boy wonders. And if mama doesn't like for her daughter to spend past-midnight hours in some jukebox layout, why doesn't she make some cakes or pies and invite the daughter to bring her date into her own parlor?

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It is fine for parents to insist that the children go to Sunday school but it would have more lasting effectiveness if mom and pop would go along, too. Somebody is allowed to sleep late Sunday and usually it is not the children.

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How many months or years has it been since mom and pop loaded up all of the children and took them to a picture show, then all stepped out together to the refreshment emporium, all getting home together by 10:30? Family parties like that were mighty enjoyable in the nineties and they might be good for what ails family life now.

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Many little children play in the streets. In the "best" neighborhoods, too. Sometimes they throw dirt and sticks at passing cars for interrupting their street games. Whose business is it to keep the youngn's out of the street? the law's, maybe.

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At least 100,000 grown people in Oklahoma City attend church services regularly. How about you and yours?

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Boy Scout headquarters could place 50 or more additional scoutmasters next week — adults who have an interest in training boys in channels leading to good citizenship and usefulness. Can you serve, or do you prefer to remain unbothered by anything but yourself?

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Do you, as parents, inform your children of life's facts, or do they get these pointers by partying after dark?

— Oklahoma City Times

Churches IN THE DEAF WORLD

Wesley Lauritsen, Editor

Christian Deaf Fellowship National Convention

The fifth Biennial Convention of the Christian Deaf Fellowship will be held at Portland, Oregon, August 18-21. This convention is a gathering of all Christian deaf regardless of denomination for the purpose of fellowship and discussing ways and means of more effectively reaching the deaf for Christ. The Convention will elect officers to preside over the Fellowship for the ensuing two years. The requirement to have a voice on the convention floor is that you have an up to date Recognition Certificate, issued by the Executive Council of the Fellowship, or a letter from your CDF church or group, as proof of your appointment as a delegate.

The CDF of Portland is host to this convention and they have secured the lovely scenery of Trout Creek Camp, up in the cool hills of the evergreens, with all its accommodating facilities for the enjoyment of all those attending. This will make the convention a bit different this year as this is the first time a resort site has been chosen for the convention. Those attending will share the joy of the nearness of the presence of Almighty God during these days when they are so close to the entrancing nature He created. The host church is offering the very comfortable accommodations of Trout Creek Camp during the convention at very reasonable rates.

The mornings of the convention will be filled with business, the afternoon with planned sightseeing tours, climaxing the days with Evangelistic Services in the evening. Many of the leading ministers and Bible teachers of the deaf will be speaking in a well-rounded evening program which includes colored Christian movies.

Ministers, workers, lay Christians and all the deaf are invited to this 5th Biennial Convention. Ministers and workers who are not in active fellowship with the Christian Deaf Fellowship will be accorded the courtesy of the floor by consent of the chairman and permitted to add to the discussions, but will not be permitted voting privileges.

The Christian Deaf Fellowship is an organization for the deaf and their active participation in all its business is needed. There may be some who are wondering just what the Christian Deaf Fellowship is and what is it accomplishing . . . it is hoped by the six Executive Officers of the organization that these folk will attend this convention and see for themselves.

New Sunday School Quarterly for the Deaf

A Sunday School Quarterly written by a qualified deaf writer, for deaf students, has recently been introduced by the Assemblies of God, which denomination also carries on an active religious program for the deaf. The quarterly is published at the denomination's Gospel Publishing House in Springfield, Mo. Entitled *The Deaf Student*, the quarterly has met with a good response, and teachers from an increasing number of different denominations are ordering it for use with their classes. Many deaf are ordering it on a subscription basis.

One outstanding feature of the quarterly is the *Investigation* section, where difficult or obscure Scripture passages are explained. Another popular feature with most students is *How Much Do You Remember?* This is a quiz section and covers the high points of the lesson in various types of quizzes which can be written out in the quarterly before the class period.

Miss Ann Sketoe, a brilliant student of the Bible, and a former public school teacher, writes the quarterly. Miss Sketoe also leads a very active life in addition to writing, since she is an excellent bookkeeper and is employed at Central Bible Institute at Springfield, Missouri.

The quarterly is written from the National Sunday School Association outlines, and may be used with practically any Adult or Youth Teacher's Quarterly which is written from those outlines. (Teacher's quarterlies may also be obtained from the Gospel Publishing House.) Sample copies of the *Deaf Student* may be obtained by writing Department SW, Gospel Publishing House, 434 W. Pacific St., Springfield 1, Missouri. — ELVA M. JOHNSON.



Sermon of the Month

By Rev. John W. Stallings, Jr.
Supt. Christian Deaf Fellowship

JESUS MUST RETURN SOON

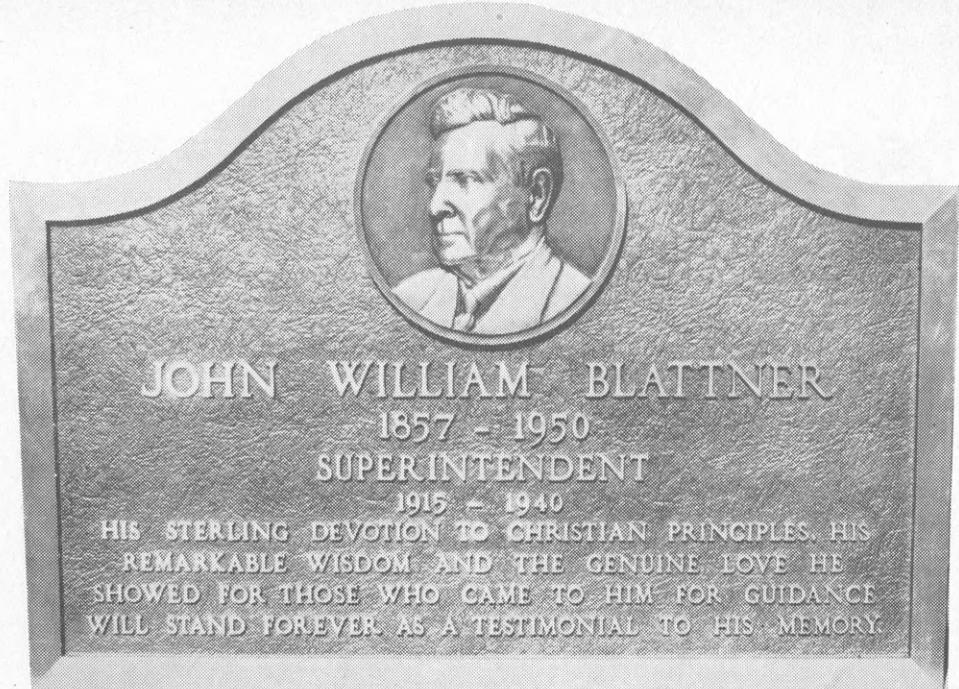
The imminent return of Jesus Christ our Lord is THE hope of the church . . . His return to this earth is doubted by many theologians, but it has been the hope of Bible believing Christians for lo, these many centuries. Jesus Himself said, "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when you think not." Luke 12:40. There are numerous other Bible verses that could be listed to further prove that JESUS MUST RETURN SOON!, however I shall not attempt here to list them. If you believe the Bible to be the Word of God, then there is no reason for a further proof . . . but, if you do not believe it, there is still no further purpose in listing so many Bible verses. I shall assume that you who read this will either believe and accept what is said, otherwise it is your burden to disprove the Holy Writ. Those who do believe the inspired Word of God, find themselves living in momentary expectation, for in accordance with its teaching, our Lord Jesus Christ could come back to earth to catch aloft His own Church that has prepared itself, having as their garments (inner) His righteousness . . . a love for Him, His Church, and His soon return.

The fact of His returning soon is assumed by Bible believing Christians, hence the further part of this message to you is based on Bible recorded signs, and we quote: "And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed." Luke 17:26-30.

Three facts are evident . . . man's sin . . . God's provision of Salvation . . . certain judgment. God has left His Word, to guide us and Jesus is using it to show us how the day we live in will compare with the times in which Noah lived (about 2,500 B.C.) and of Lot (about 1,900 B.C.). I tell you the year of our Lord, 1954 A.D., yes this year in which we live so closely parallels the days Jesus said Noah and Lot lived in, that it thrills my heart to realize, JESUS MUST RETURN SOON.

Miss Ann Sketoe, writer of "Deaf Student," preparing copy for the quarterly.

What were the things men were doing in Noah's time? Mind you this is just about 1,500 years after God made Adam, very close to the first born of the race of men. Listen to this . . . because of man's uncontrolled passion, and lust, the sons of God intermarried with the physically beautiful women, though they were vile. They cared not for women of holy living, but for those who displayed their physical bodies more beautifully . . . yes and they were sons of God too. It has in this day (1954) become the fashion for some so-called men of God, to take on and discard a wife as often as they wish, especially to get another that will add to his prowess and prestige among men of like mind. Oh, is this not a tragedy? . . . men to whom others look for guidance and help, living loose ungodly lives, apart from God's Book. Physical beauty and the display of as much of it as is permitted by law, because it appeals to the evil imagination of man's mind is considered quite proper. Yes it is a good sign, it closely resembles the day of Noah . . . but there are other signs too. There were "great men," yes, "giants" in those days, similar to some of the gangsters of 1954 who are glorified and copied by our youth, yes, "giants" of the underworld. Crime and the ability to get by with it is certainly the diet the television viewers are fed with . . . it is a wonder we have so little juvenile delinquency! People in the days of Noah were giving of themselves primarily to obtain security, without regard for God and His way or Sabbath. They sold, bought, builded, planted and married, always seeking security, as if the world were to continue forever and they would live in it forever. They were "overwhelmed by the things of this world," they loved it so much they forgot God and His eternal plan. This is a very good picture of 1954, is it not? Remember Jesus told us, "as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man," does it not look strikingly similar? The days of Lot were similar to our day . . . few were concerned with God and religion . . . even those who cried aloud against the sins of the people were mocked and regarded lightly. They were warned that fire would come and destroy them, but they only laughed and continued on until it rained fire from heaven. Oh, my heart is stirred in 1954 . . . there is a fire that is rained from heaven by man . . . ATOMIC AND HYDROGEN FIRE . . . there are warnings of its potentialities, then some government official says you need not worry, trying to soothe those who are concerned. But there is the crowd that says "phoooooff," it will never happen in the United States of America. The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah was so because of the extreme wickedness of men in that day . . . "every imagination



Almost 300 persons gathered in the auditorium of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf the evening of May 15 to witness the unveiling of the John William Blattner plaque, a tribute from deaf and hearing friends of Dr. Blattner, deceased, who was superintendent of the Oklahoma school for 25 years. The beautiful bronze plaque, 29x21, will be placed in the hall of the administration building, near the office where the good doctor was ever at home to all who had need of him. It was made possible by contributions from the deaf of Oklahoma and from hearing persons who were encouraged by Dr. Blattner to take up the profession of teaching the deaf. The unveiling and the dedication were in connection with the fourth alumni day gathering of the Oklahoma deaf at their alma mater.

of their hearts was continually evil." Genesis 6:5. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and incurably wicked." Jeremiah 17:9. The Lord says, "My Spirit shall not always strive with man." Genesis 6:3. Compromise seems to be the order of the day, pure Bible doctrine is not wanted. Jesus asked, "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:18. In 1954 A.D., as in 2500 and 1900 B.C., there is little desire to know God's way for man, hence man goes away from God for he is bent in that direction. JESUS MUST RETURN SOON . . . for God's saints are so few and the world is fast deteriorating for the "salt has lost its savour" and without something to preserve the earth, it will fast come to judgment.

Some startling facts . . . did you know that only one American out of twelve goes to church at least once a year? . . . 7 of 8 children under 15 years of age who go to Sunday School quit going, that does not include the 30 million who never go . . . \$750 million for pleasure to \$1 for God . . . 3 criminals to every college student . . . a major crime every 22 seconds . . . murder every 40 seconds . . . 60 suicides a day . . . one million babies born out of wedlock each year . . . almost one million prostitutes in America . . . 4 million alcoholics . . . \$2 billions for whiskey more than education. Appalling isn't it? The above facts were obtained from a world-wide organization of Bible distributors . . . men of repute, who have no reason to falsify. JESUS MUST RETURN SOON!

"Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord" Genesis 6:8. Lot also was saved

from destruction, so there is hope for those who will look into the Holy Bible for God's plan, then follow it diligently, NOT as a religion, but as a way of LIFE. God "is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Peter 3:9. God has left us a plan of escape from the things that are coming upon the earth, who knows may be in 1954 . . . certainly it is an hour of great confusion and fear . . . something is about to happen, even evil men know it, but will not listen, will not heed, will not repent and turn to God. This is 1954 A.D., but it is not any different from the times described by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, as to the time of His return. JESUS MUST RETURN SOON! the Bible declares it, men sense it, Christians welcome it, evil men dread it, but COME HE MUST for it is time and the world cannot stand to continue much longer without his stabilizing force. HALLELUJAH! JESUS MUST RETURN SOON!

Religious Instruction Class

A group of high school students at the North Carolina School for the Deaf met weekly for the study of questions relating to the Bible, the Church and religion. The Rev. James Fortune led the instruction groups which met Thursday nights at 6:15.

From forty to fifty boys and girls met regularly to take advantage of this opportunity to find out more about the Bible and personal religion. A summary of the discussions was printed and given to the members of the class.



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WISCONSIN . . .

Rev. Lawrence C. Murphy, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Cordano of Delavan, S. Robey Burns of Chicago and William M. Milligan, Supt. of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, were among the many visitors who attended the banquet at the Pomeii Club in Milwaukee on Saturday May 22nd. Supt. Milligan was the toastmaster at the banquet, which was in honor of the AAAD championship basketball team. There were about 250 diners at the tables.

John J. Poplawski has received a five-year service pin from Hotpoint, Inc., where he has worked for a little over five years. John is well known as one of the better golf players of Milwaukee.

Lucien C. Joesting of Alton, Illinois was a guest of Julius M. Salzer for two weeks. Mr. Joesting attended St. John's Military Academy at Delfield, Wisc., years ago.

The Milwaukee Silent Club sponsored a "Hat Contest" on Saturday, May 1st, under the chairmanship of Miss Mayme M. Panella, Mrs. Larry N. Yolles, Miss Betty Estling, Mrs. Philip Zola, and Mrs. Herbert Fields. There was an unusual turnout from Milwaukee and other parts of the state. This was the first contest of its kind, and the hats designed by the participants were unique in every detail. Judges chosen to select the winners were Waldo Cordano of Delavan, Victor Prinzelville of Rockford, Ill., Joseph Panella of Milwaukee, and Argo Lardinelli of San Francisco, Calif. Mrs. Floyd Baumann was chosen for wearing the most beautiful hat, which consisted of an actual bird cage, containing a father bird with his gay and colorful feathers of azure blue, a mother bird and her offspring of four baby birds, each wearing hats.

Mrs. Lawrence N. Yolles was chosen for wearing the cleverest hat. It was a large brim hat, on which was arranged a television set, aerial and picture screen with wires and all. The TV screen would light up when the end of the wires were pressed. Miss Clara Bogney wore a giant bumblebee smelling a sunflower. Mrs. Josephs Angrove was wearing the oddest hat. It was covered with fresh green lettuce, cucumbers, and other garden vegetables, arranged in a fashion comparable to any hat that any famous designer could make.

Not to be left out, the men wore hats too. Albert Meyer was chosen for wearing the best looking hat. The arrangement was several houses each with different architecture, trees, flowers, and a landscape suitable to each house. Gilbert Meyer's hat was chosen because it was decorated with pine trees, Indian Tepees and canoes, representing Spring. Philip Zola wore the most alluring hat. It was

decorated with pictures of pretty girls and on the crown of the hat was a huge picture of a beautiful shimmy dancer.

One of the men wore a hat decorated with a baseball field, with its players; another with a map of Wisconsin and its sport activities; and another wore a pineapple shaped into the most unusual hat. One contestant even wore a hat designed like a birthday cake with lighted candles.

Prizes were given to everyone who designed a hat, in addition to the grand prizes. The gala affair closed with games and refreshments. The Milwaukee Journal reporter took a picture and it appeared in the next day's edition. (*Why didn't you send us a picture?* — Ed.)

COLORADO . . .

Memorial Day week-end found many of the Denver deaf out of town. The majority went fishing at the mountain lakes and streams. The Don Warnicks and son Ricky motored to Salt Lake City to attend the Utah Association of the Deaf Convention, and to visit Don's family. They also drove over to Ogden for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peterson. The Herb Votaws went to North Platte, Nebraska, to visit relatives.

On Tuesday June 2nd, a surprise birthday party for Barbara Anderson took place at her mother's home in south Denver. The Herb Votaws and the Andersons went out for dinner, taking little Laura Anderson with them. Upon deciding to attend a movie, Dick insisted Laura be taken to her Grandmother's and then the surprise began for Babs. She received many lovely and useful gifts for her trip to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Md. Details will be in the next issue, Babs not having returned home yet.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Bundy and their two children, Betty and Jimmy, of Denver, left Thursday June 10th for the weekend in Green River, Wyoming. Purpose was a surprise get-together of the family for Bob's parents' 45th wedding anniversary. The Bundys had an enjoyable visit and returned to Denver on Sunday June 13th.

The annual picnic of the Silent Athletic Club of Denver was held Sunday, June 13th at the Lookout Mountain Shelter. Visitors from afar were the Paul Barneses of Bridgeport, Neb., the Odie Landsverks of Duncerton, Ia. and others whose names we did not get. The Landsverks (former Dorothy Meyer

of Kansas City) were on a week's vacation and spent a few days with the Herb Votaws. The Barneses came down as the Don Warnicks' guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elstad returned June 13th from a two-weeks vacation which was spent with her folks in Omaha and his folks in North Dakota. The vacation was a restful one for both. Mrs. Elstad left by train May 28th for Omaha to attend the Nebraska School reunion, and Loren had to work until after the Memorial Day holidays. He left immediately after work on Tuesday. Being tired, he couldn't continue, so stopped off in Fort Morgan, Colo., to take a two-hour nap at 3:30 a.m. Loren arrived in Omaha the next afternoon, and was "lost" an hour before he found the home of Mary's parents, the Scott Cusadens. A week was spent in Omaha before they left for the Twin Cities on June 5th. They visited the Minnesota School for the Deaf and dropped in at the St. Paul Pioneer Press, where Loren worked a couple of years ago. They also visited Thompson Hall and met many friends. They visited the Delbert Ericksons and the John Schumachers and had dinner at the Dick Opseths.

As they continued north, they stopped and stayed overnight not far from Mille Lac Lake, one of the largest lakes in Minnesota. The next day it was raining, and as they approached Grand Forks, N. D., an 80-mile wind began. However, they managed to reach the town but had to stay there 7 hours until the wind died down, and only 100 miles from Loren's home!

The farm of Loren's parents was nice and large — surrounded by trees and a lake. The air was wonderful and the city slickers had plenty of sleep and eats. Loren and his brother Kent (a sophomore at Gallaudet) were talking practically all the time and poor Mary was left out. She had a time to get their attention. Met many friends who were associated with the North Dakota School for the Deaf at Devil's Lake.

They left on Saturday June 12th and toured the Black Hills. Loren was disappointed as they got into Deadwood, S. D., too early Sunday morning for him to see where Wild Bill Hickock was shot. The bar didn't open until later, but they proceeded on their way home, and reached Denver at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13th.

KANSAS . . .

The school bell at the Kansas School is taking a much needed vacation now. The parents of deaf children living in Wichita were at Olathe May 28th to bring their children home for the summer.

Wichita had its first picnic May 30. It was the Frat annual picnic and was well attended by both local and out of town deaf.

Willa Field took her vacation in early June and spent it in Oklahoma with her sister and family. She also attended the graduation exercises of her oldest nephew from high school.

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Guests at the house warming-baby shower for the Dickinsons and Susie Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hottle and children of Wichita attended a small picnic in Swope Park in Kansas City, Mo., after taking their oldest daughter Sally from the Kansas School at Olathe. The Herbert Teaney, Ralph Williams, Tom Tompkins and Tom Scofield families went in on the picnic with the Hottles. There were 16 children in all who had a big time playing together. The Hottles stopped to see the Luther Stacks at Gardner, Kans., and then on to Neal to visit the Ed Foltzes.

As the Luther Stacks have purchased a home at Baton Rouge, La., they have put up their cabin at Gardner Lake for sale, and will take their furniture back to their new place.

Stanley and Yvonne Watkins, children of the Beene Watkins of Wichita, are spending the summer with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Watkins at Hammon, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lichtenberger of Wichita were in Beloit, Kan., the first weekend of June to visit her parents. Her brother Joe Carrico of St. Louis, Mo. was home, too.

The Harry Spruel family of Wichita left for a two-weeks vacation in Los Angeles, and to visit his ailing brother, Bernard, and also to visit Mrs. Spruel's mother and brother, whom she hadn't seen for seventeen years.

Barbara and Ronnie Whitlock, children of the Raymond Whitlocks of Hutchinson, may not eat well nowadays until they have permanent teeth. They had most of their baby teeth extracted.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jenning of Wichita have chosen the name Ronald Ray for their son who was born May 13th. The Irwin Fraziers of Wichita welcomed a daughter on May 21st.

Mrs. Mary Vanatta of Pratt, Kan., was hospitalized for a minor operation and recuperated at the home of her son and his wife, the Dean Vanatta's in Wichita before returning to Pratt.

Mrs. C. L. Nanney of Newton was confined in a hospital for another treatment of the same case she had several years ago. She is now at home doing nicely.

Mrs. Burr Mills and infant son, Mick Lee, of Wichita, made a flying trip to Pearson, Okla., where she spent several weeks with her parents. They returned home with Mr. Mills via air.

Mrs. George Denton of Wichita was called to Muskogee, Okla. the 17th of May by the serious illness of Mr. Denton, who was in a hospital there.

Mrs. Ethel Henderson of Ft. Riley and her son with his family are now settled at Camp Gordon, 12 miles from Augusta, Ga. Her son received the transfer order to report at the camp on May 3rd. They stopped at various places in the southern states and went through the flood in Mississippi and Alabama without any trouble.

Mrs. Louise Corbett Sauer of Fulda, Minn.,

died at a Topeka, Kan. hospital June 2. She was a Kansas student before her marriage. She was a resident of Fulda for 14 years and came to Topeka to visit her sister and took ill and was in the hospital since March.

Mrs. Alex Drever and Mr. John Weber, both of Topeka, were patients in the hospital recently. She was in for surgery and Mr. Weber suffered a stroke.

OHIO . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shannon, of Akron, spent the last week in May visiting Russell's relatives in Virginia. While in Roanoke they stopped to pass the time of the day with the Robert Harpers. Nope, they did not run into Ray Grayson, who was also taking in those roller coaster hills and curves of western Virginia, along with his Dad, about the same time. (Sorry we did not run into the Shannons but we did not go any farther south than Lexington, in the Shenandoah Valley. My dad and I were fighting the Civil War over again and touring all the battlefields.—R.G.)

Arthur Godfrey and Mrs. Della Welte, wife of John Welte of Covington, Ky., have much in common for both underwent the same kind of operation on their hips and both have not completely recovered as yet. Mrs. Welte entered the hospital in the middle of March and was confined for seven weeks. Later she spent several weeks on her family's farm down in Kentucky. John reports she is home again but finds her hip bothersome at times, with some difficulty in walking. She is missed around the club and all members hope she will soon regain her strength so she can attend events at the club.

John has achieved considerable renown around Cincinnati for the number of opening games of the baseball season he has attended. It totals more than 40, I believe.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Green of Cincinnati, have returned after spending a three-weeks vacation touring through West Virginia and Virginia and visiting relatives. They went as far as Ocean Beach, Va., and Emery reported the water was just the right temperature for swimming, but failed to say if he had dunked himself or passed along some heresy.

Future events for the benefit of the Softball team of the Greater Cincinnati Silent Club have taken on a brighter outlook, for Howard Bartley, a very capable manager for socials and other events, has been discovered. Making his first attempt at putting on an entertainment at the club, Howard turned out one of the best floor shows seen at the club in many months. The capacity audience spent a laugh-filled evening watching the various skits put on by the veteran troupers Gus Straus and Le Roy Duning, who were assisted by pretty little Pearl Daulton, who played serious or comedy parts with equal facility.

Larry Vogelpohl acted as master of ceremonies. Others taking part in the entertainment were Elizabeth Bacheberle, who sang several songs; Frank Benedict and Ann Garretson, Harry Wolnitzek, Bartley and one other young fellow whose name I did not catch.

It was a very successful evening, with a nice profit being realized for the team. The profit goes into the fund for sending the team to the tournament in Akron this fall.

Ray Grayson and his Dad had a really grand vacation this year. They say they "fit" the Civil War all over again, touring almost all the big battlefields and national cemeteries with the rows of headstones, all well cared for and most of the old trenches remaining. They ended their tour by following Lee's route to Gettysburg. The trip was one that Ray and his father had wanted to take together for almost a quarter of a century. Grayson Sr. is now 83 and thought there was no time like the present.

Mrs. Grayson and daughter remained at home whilst Ray was away. They will take their vacation in July and Ray will stay at home then.

NEBRASKA . . .

The Alumni Reunion at the Nebraska School for the Deaf in Omaha May 29th and 30th for the 85th anniversary of the founding of the school was quite a large affair, there being over 300 percent the 2nd day for the picnic and the social program in the auditorium the same night. Many came from afar, such as the Harry Starks of Los Angeles, Calif., Willard Peterson of Sacramento, Calif., the Wayne Boyers of Williamston, New York, the Walter Zabels of Ogden, Utah, the Theodore Kellners of St. Louis, Mo., and the Harold Nords of Manhattan, Kansas, and the Alvin O'Connors of Blaine, Kansas, plus many others who came alone from various points in the state of Nebraska and neighboring states. The Reunion was a success in every way, and it is yet the talk of the local deaf a full month later.

The Reunion was opened Saturday night, the 29th, with a business program, the first item of which was an address of welcome by Mr. J. W. Jackson, Superintendent of the Nebraska School, followed by Mrs. Ernest Mappes with the short response. There was an election of new officers to serve until the next reunion in 1959, as follows: President, Scott Cusden; Vice President, Mrs. Viola Paden; Secretary, Mrs. Dora Miller; and Treasurer, Elvin Miller.

Sunday noon at one o'clock about 165 people sat down in the big, old dining room for dinner, which consisted of breaded veal cutlets with the usual mashed potatoes and gravy, and other things such as salad and relishes, and for dessert, apple pie à la mode and coffee, all for only a dollar and a half. It was a very good dinner, so everyone says. It was prepared by Miss Milin Trentham, assistant to the sup't., with the help of the kitchen staff and the household department and even some

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teachers and supervisors who volunteered to help serve.

After the dinner there was a picnic of the regular, old-fashioned kind on the east campus of the School, and soon enough there were hundreds of people and children swarming all over the place, and the poor committee with Victor Beran at the head had quite a time, corraling them for the games that took part of the afternoon. There was a softball game between the single men and the married men, and it seems that the latter group won, but the close score, 21-20, indicates the hard struggle it must have been. Before the close of the picnic there was a group picture of all, taken on the steps of the auditorium, and again the over-worked committee had a big job of 30 minutes, driving all of the 320 people in for the picture, and later for the lunch on the grounds beside the school building. But everything went off without a mishap, and everyone was satisfied.

The program in the auditorium the same night under the direction of Charles Falk, was a most interesting and pleasant one, and it was made up of some skits and songs, which occupied almost two hours of time. First, Falk read a roll-call of all graduates of the school present, and it was found that Mrs. Bertha Rodda of Omaha was the oldest living graduate on hand; she was of the 1897 Class and is now 77 years old. Nick Aabarlates gave a heart-touching sign rendition of the old song, "Old Black Joe," and Mrs. Emma Mapes sang "Old School Days," which was much too short for the audience. There was a skit between Hans Neujahr and John Schoneman which almost caused a near riot; they had a verbal fight on the stage, and just as they were hauling off with big blows, Neujahr threw a full pitcher of something at Schoneman and also at part of the audience. It was only confetti, not water, but some people were completely fooled and scattered for cover. It certainly was a most funny skit, and all enjoyed it. The program was brought to a close with another skit by Tom Peterson, who sign-sang "Auld Lang Syne," at the end, thus bringing the Alumni Reunion to a final close.

Born to the George Propps on Friday, June 18th, at the Mercy Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa, was a new baby boy. He arrived at one o'clock in the afternoon, which is almost exactly a year to the hour since the marriage of George and Eleanor (June 18, 1953 at 2 p.m.)

There were many Omaha deaf present at the wedding of Miss Betty Lou Schoneman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schoneman, to Mr. Richard Mayhew of Romney, West Virginia, at the Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha, Saturday night, June 12th. Betty Lou, who has been teaching at the West Va. School the past two years, is well-known to the local deaf. The day after the wedding she and her husband left for Michigan on their honeymoon, and were going back to West Va. to make their home.

The first outing of the Omaha Club of the Deaf this year took place at Vennyst Park, a private park at the north edge of Omaha, Saturday, June 19th, and there were some new and old games, and there was some dancing out under the stars. It is apparent that all who came had a good time, despite the sweltering heat of the day. The chairman was good old Don Boone, and those on his committee were Mrs. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Phillips, and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Meyer.

NEW YORK . . .

June is a month that has various significances to New Yorkers. To the Silent World it means one thing—grass widowers. During the last week of June most hubbies take their families to the country or seashore for the summer. They have to be in town for the
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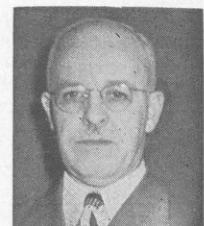
QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

Parliamentary Procedure

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Q. Suppose a member presents a question that has no bearing on the purposes or objectives of the Club, what should the Chair do? — J.F.R.

A. The Chair should rule it out of order, giving his reason. If the Chair states such a motion, any member may raise a "point of order" and demand that the motion be ruled out of order. If "Object to the Consideration" is used, a 2/3 vote is necessary to sustain the objection; whereas, if the motion is not pertinent to the objectives of the organization it must be ruled out of order, even if all present as individuals would like action — this is to protect the rights of absent members.

Q. At the September meeting of a Club that meets *quarterly*, a member moved that a resolution (motion) be postponed until December. Another member rose to a point of order on the grounds that a motion could not be postponed beyond one month. The motion to postpone to a certain time was changed to an indefinite postponement. Who was right? — B.E.N.

A. The one who moved to postpone the resolution until December was right, because December is the date of the next regular meeting. Evidently, the member who raised the point of order overlooked the definition limiting such postponement to the next *regular* meeting. If the Club meets *monthly*, it would be out of order to postpone a resolution beyond the next regular meeting one month hence, which is equivalent to indefinite postponement.

Q. At an annual meeting of our Club with monthly meetings, we are to elect three members to form a special committee. When they are nominated, can we elect them all on one ballot or should we elect them separately? — N.B.S.

A. If *only* three members are nominated, one ballot is sufficient. But if there are more than three nominees, a vote should be made on each nominee. The first three receiving majority votes are elected and the other nominees are eliminated.

Q. May a vote to lay on the table be reconsidered?

A. No, but the motion which has been laid on the table may be taken from the table at any time by a majority vote without debate, when no question is pending.

Q. Is a motion to reconsider debatable? — R.F.M.

A. Only if the motion to be reconsidered is debatable.

Q. May the motion to refer to a committee be reconsidered?

A. If defeated, a motion to "refer" may be renewed after further debate. If carried, it may be reconsidered, provided the committee has NOT begun its work.

Q. Suppose a motion requires a 2/3 vote for its adoption, does it also require a 2/3 vote to reconsider a vote on it?

A. No, it requires only a majority vote.

Q. Suppose a majority of a board or of a committee happens to be present on occasion, would it be legal for them to go into "executive session" and transact business?

A. No. Since there has been no legal notice to all members of the board or of the committee, there can be no valid meeting. Remember, the rights of absenteers must be respected and protected.

Q. Suppose the resignation of a member or an officer in good standing is laid on the table and is not taken up. What becomes of his resignation? — M.J.B.

A. If an organization neglects to act within a reasonable time, his resignation (unless withdrawn or taken from the table) takes effect after the close of the next regular meeting. But if it is the resignation of the treasurer, he must have his reports completely audited and approved before the resignation takes effect.

Q. Should all motions be seconded?

A. Yes, unless they pertain to mere routine matters such as Reading of Minutes, Reports of Officers and Reports of Committees.

Q. May a motion to reconsider be repeated with regard to the same motion after the first motion to reconsider was lost?

A. No. A motion to reconsider cannot be reconsidered.

Q. We do not understand the difference between adopting a recommendation and adopting a resolution. — J.R.E.

A. A recommendation is an expression of approval. In other words, we favor an idea and recommend it to the assembly. If the assembly adopts the recommendation, it means that the organization favors the idea. If the recommendation requires action by the assembly, a resolution should be made. When the resolution is adopted, the assembly is then obliged to act upon it.

week in order to support their families in style. A large number of grass widowers are evident during the summer months.

Nellie and Richard Myers are walking on clouds of happiness. Recently they became the proud parents of a baby girl. The lil' darling goes by the name of Linda Susan. Congrats, Nell and Reo!

Recently there appeared a story in the New York Times about a "cook-out" party at the Lexington School for the Deaf. The Girl Scouts of Lexington were hosts to a barbecue in the courtyard to visiting Scouts from the Bronx. The aroma from the barbecue did not mar this passage from our surprised discovery: Some of the deaf girls excitedly resorted to sign language, which is forbidden at the school. But Dr. Clarence O'Connor paid little heed, saying, "In play time we let them use it if they must." How is that, Dr. O'Connor??

Another item of interest to us appeared in the papers: Lord and Taylor arranged an art contest in Westchester for high school students. Among the winners was Samuel Morse of New York School for the Deaf.

The traveler: Hyman Rousso has traveled far and wide all over the map of the U. S., but this is the first time he has taken his daughter along on a trip. The journey was to Akron, Ohio, to see his brother, Meyer. Miss Rousso enjoyed her travel so much that she is pestering her poor father to take her on more trips. Looks like a chip off the traveling block!

Shirley Lerner is a lovely young lady and the mother of two growing boys. Still Shirley feels conscious of her femininity among all this masculinity in her household. If one looks closer, one will notice that Shirley is wearing nylons with embroidered butterflies on the sides of her ankles.

A mishap: On several occasions David Rubinowitz has taken his family on motor trips to Washington, D. C. This has become so routine with Dave that it nearly caused an accident. Only quick thinking and nerves of steel averted a catastrophe.

A lucky find: Taras Denis seems to have a special sort of radar—the kind that helps one find an apartment. Denis has just secured a beautiful 4-room apartment in the Bronx.

John Funk has finally joined the growing ranks of car owners. Johnny recently purchased a 1953 Chevrolet with all the trimmings. Happy motoring, Johnny!

The Women's Club for the Deaf staged an affair recently. Over 200 eager beavers flocked to this gathering. The main attraction was the Emerson Romero family. This family of actors gave one of their best performances. The children portrayed the father and mother while the parents took the role of the children. It brought down the house in gales of laughter. Miss Annette Bonafe rendered a poem that met with much applause.

Elbow rubbing: Julius Berest has a unique hobby. He loves to stroll along downtown New York in quest of famous personalities. On a recent trip he happened to spot Rita Hayworth and Dick Haymes.

A loss: Herbert Carroll recently lost his dear father. The elder Mr. Carroll was 73 years old. The father had a way of making strange deaf people become acquainted with his son, Herbert. Any time the father saw some deaf persons, he introduced himself as Herbert's father. In this way Herbert came to know many people. He will miss this novelty with the loss of his father. Our sympathy to Herbert.

Mrs. Joseph Miller went under the knife for a major operation. At this writing she is doing fine and she has our hopes for a speedy recovery.

We recently reported a baby shower was given for Mrs. Nellie Myers by Mrs. Lucy Lewis. We wish to make a correction. Mrs. James Stern and Mrs. Bernard Rothenberg were co-chairmen in bringing the shower to a successful conclusion.

Dear readers, have you ever stopped by Gen. U. S. Grant's tomb and seen this eulogy on a tombstone just west of the Tomb: "Created to the memory of an amiable child, St. Claire Pollock. Died July 15, 1797, in the 5th year of his age." If you haven't seen it, do so on your next visit. Investigation unearthed this story: The child fell from a ledge on to the rocks of the Hudson shore and was buried there. His heart-broken father sold the land to a lady on one condition. She was to allow the tomb to remain in memory of his favorite son. Thus, from 1792 to 1954 the tomb of the child has stood unruffled by human hands or anything but the elements. So, dear readers, don't forget to see this unusual tomb on your next visit to Grant's Tomb.

Samuel Intrator, Robert Fiedler, and Julius Farliser put on a play in Portland, Maine, May 29 which was given considerable publicity in the Portland newspaper, with a cut of Intrator and Fiedler. The play, "The Landlord," drew a crowd of over 200 at the Portland club, coming from as far as Bangor, Lewiston, Boston, Cambridge, Mass., Dover, N. H., and New York City. It was the second play given by the Portland club in two years.

MISSOURI . . .

There were two big surprises — one for Mrs. Willis Ayers and one for the William Dickinsons on May 16th. Mrs. Susie Ayers planned a housewarming party for the Dickinsons, and in turn Mrs. Mimi Dickinson planned a baby shower for Susie. The committee consisted of Mrs. Pat McPherson, Mrs. Fred Brantley, Mrs. Thaine Ayers, Mrs. Cleve Ready and Mrs. Santina Hambel, and all were successful in keeping the secrets from each of the honorees. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson received about 45 dollars in cash and Mrs. Ayers received about 15 dollars in cash and many lovely baby gifts.

Mrs. Ayers has had four baby showers by her three classes at the Kansas School for the Deaf at Olathe, her teachers, her relatives and the Olathe deaf. She left her teaching position on April 25th.

On May 23rd there was a picnic sponsored by the basketball team of the Kansas City Club for the Deaf at Wyandotte Lake in

Kansas City, Kan. There were quite a few out of towners present, mostly from Wichita and Salina, Kans.

There was a bridal shower for Shirley Dixon on May 28th. Shirley left Kansas City on June 4th for Tacoma, Wash., to visit her family. Her fiance, Donald Johnson, joined her on June 11th, and a double wedding was held on June 19th for Shirley and her sister. The ceremony was televised. Anyone see it?? After the honeymoon, Shirley and Donald will reside in Kansas City, Kans.

Apparently most of the Kansas City deaf went picnicking and fishing over the Memorial day holidays. Erlene Graybill had the misfortune of having her car parked in the wrong place when a heavy rain came up Saturday night and after two days she finally got the car pried out of the mud.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Reilly went to Des Moines, Ia., on the weekend of May 28th to visit Francis' mother, who was ill. She passed away on June 5th. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family.

On June 6th, Mrs. Billy Klingensmith was hostess to a bridal shower for Leeoda Flashpohler, who will be married some time in July in Washington State. Leeoda received about 35 dollars in cash and some gifts. We shall all miss her but extend our premature congratulations to her and Calvin Nininger, who is now working in Washington.

On June 5th, Paul Curtis, Jr. and Rhoda White were united in marriage with Joe Keiling of St. Louis as best man and Rhoda's sister as maid of honor. Joe reported that about fifty deaf have been laid off in St. Louis, and he is now seeking a job in Kansas City, and will move here if he is lucky enough to find one.

Mrs. Maude Elder, wife of Tracy Elder, of Tulsa, Okla., passed away June 12th, of cancer. Tracy and his son, John, were in Kansas City and visited both clubs. Mr. and Mrs. Elder had moved to Oklahoma two years ago. Mrs. Elder was 84 years old and Mr. Elder is 82 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stack of Baton Rouge, La., came up to Kansas after school closed and have their summer cabin at Gardner Lake up for sale as they have purchased a home in Baton Rouge.

The annual election of officers of the Kansas City Club for the Deaf was held June 13th, with the following results: Erlene Graybill, pres.; Robert Merrit, 1st v-pres.; Rufus Perkins, 2nd v-pres.; Georgetta Graybill, secy.; Joe Weber, treas. The By-Laws were revised whereby the annual election will be held in December instead of in June.

Robert Matthews of Carthage, Mo., is now back home after a month in sunny California. He spent most of his visit with his brother and wife who live in a quonset hut of the Iwo Jima Village on Mare Island at Vallejo, Calif. Bob visited the Bay area, the San Joaquin valley and the town of Los Angeles. His brother is a radar man on a destroyer. His brother was a former assistant coach and in charge of Gross Hall at the Missouri School for the Deaf at Fulton.

ARIZONA . . .

The deaf population of Arizona enjoyed their annual outing at Rendezvous Park in Mesa near Phoenix May 30th with quite a goodly crowd attending. Everyone had fun meeting old friends and eating their fill of the wonderful food provided.

Leon Bonham left by plane from Phoenix for Anchorage, Alaska, recently. He planned to visit his daughter and family up there. Latest reports are that he greatly enjoys the weather up there and likes Alaska. He will be returning to the Valley of the Sun sometime this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wherry, Vito Don Diego, and Riverside teachers Madeline Mussmanno and Florence Schornstein had fun at a "steak-fry" in the South Mountains during

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late May. Madeline and Florence took time out to visit with Angelia Watson in Tucson before going on to New Mexico.

Mr. Charles Lawson and two small sons of Hawthorne, Calif., were guests of the Roy Morrisons and were amongst the Memorial Day crowd at Mesa May 30th. They continued on to Indiana, Charles' home state, to visit relatives and friends.

Vito DonDiego paid a recent visit to San Diego where he was the guest of the Marvin Thompsons before going on up to San Francisco to take employment as a book-binder. Vito will return to Phoenix around October.

The Watson sisters, Angelia and Edna, are enjoying a summer-long reunion in Phoenix with their sister, Babette Krayeski. Edna is up from Alabama and Angelia has been on the faculty at the Tucson school the past year. However, Angelia plans to return to her former job at the Berkeley School in California come September. She recently entrained to Riverside, Calif., where she bought a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buenzle and Frank and Joe Barstow were amongst the numerous visitors to Phoenix during late May. All of them came down from San Francisco and were en route to the May 26th Commencement exercises at the Tucson School.

Another visitor was Mr. James Huff of Bronx, N.Y., during the early spring. He visited his parents here and also the William Wherrys. His father is a guard at Boulder Dam and James spent a couple of days there before going to Long Beach and San Francisco, California.

Mrs. Helen Melton of California paid a brief visit to Phoenix to see a sister and renew acquaintance with local residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hukill of Tulsa, Oklahoma were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McRae the middle of May. Edward and Clemmie were on a vacation trip through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and as far west as Los Angeles before turning back toward Oklahoma with stops at Yellowstone Park, the Black Hills of South Dakota and various cities in Kansas.

Mrs. Belle Key of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been staying in Phoenix since last October and says she intends to stay until at least May of 1955 when she will return east for the 75th Anniversary gathering of the NAD. Belle recently visited friends in Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Martin and Mrs. C. Messener. She hopes to return to Los Angeles during the coming summer and tells us that following the NAD Convention next year in Ohio, she intends to settle down to live in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Lawrence V. Dalton is convalescing from a major operation of some two months ago. He is progressing rapidly and is able to do a little work as this is written.

Mr. and Mrs. Rue Shurtz visited with the John Woods in Tucson during early June and met many old friends.

Bill Verwiebe, a product of the Arkansas School, has found employment in the Tempe-Mesa area during the current potato harvest.

Miss Mabel Roberts, together with her mother and sister, enjoyed a month's vacation to their old home town near Little Rock, Ark. during June. They reported a wonderful time with family and friends and Mabel is now back at work in Phoenix.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schneider announce the arrival of a baby girl, Linda Ann, the 3rd of April. Raymond is still happily employed in the meat department of one of our local super-markets in Phoenix.

Miss Chrisoula Poulos is planning a gala vacation to La Jolla, California, this summer. A swimmer of no mean ability, Chrisoula should have the time of her life on the beach.

Miss Mabelle Johnson, Counselor at the
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The Silent Printer

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The Silent Printer recently paid a visit, his first, to the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley and was very much impressed by what he saw. Of greatest interest was the trades building, which is new. The tour was made under the guidance of the one and only BBB and Mr. Rudolf Wartenberg, Supervising Teacher, vocational department. This building was opened in December.

The shops consist of a cabinet shop, a shoe shop, an upholstery shop, sewing department, an art department and of course the print shop. We were pleased to renew our acquaintance with Brother John Galvan, professor of things typographic. The new print shop is equipped with a new linotype, making a total of three, a new Model 6 Little Giant press, two open platens and a flat-bed Miehle. Another new item of equipment is a Challenge Power Paper Cutter of the latest style. As we have reported before, the Printshop enjoys a good reputation for training printers in the area around San Francisco, and if we may say so the reputation is justified in the fine type of training offered.

The Shoe Shop is not just another shoe repair shop as so many are, but is equipped to turn out shoes from the raw hide to the finished article. Proudly displayed was a Ski Boot bearing a blue ribbon won in competition at a fair. We were told that the shop manufactured 100 pairs of slippers from material supplied by the Red Cross for our soldiers in Korea.

The Cabinet Shop has and uses more machinery than we have seen in many a saw mill and some of the items made in the shop compare in every way with the finest of commercially made furniture. Incidentally, the shop manufactured most of the furniture used in the dormitories and class rooms at the school. We were told that the boys in the wood-working classes had made the type cases and cabinets for the print shop. We examined them closely and could find nothing to indicate they were not fresh out of the Hamilton factory.

The sewing department sports a full range of power sewing machines of every description. The work on display was professional looking in every way. The department has recently completed an order for 100 sport shirts for the Red Cross with material furnished by them.

The Berkeley school vocational department has long boasted that it is the best vocational department in any school for

the deaf and after this inspection, the Silent Printer is forced to acknowledge that it is no empty boast! We were impressed by the fact that almost every teacher in the Berkeley shops has had experience in holding down a job in his trade outside. A college degree is important, we will not dispute that, but there is no substitute for practical experience. The success of Berkeley graduates and the fine reputation enjoyed by the trades department of this school is ample testimony to the worth of practical experience. It seems to us that the "powers that be" could well think twice about making practical experience a requirement for vocational teachers.

Well folks, here is the Great Amalgamated Directory you have been eagerly awaiting. We will start off with the name of a product of the California School, appropriately enough. But more particularly because he wrote us a nice little letter. Is a word to the wise sufficient?

Leonard Marshall, Floor man in the Ad Alley, Register-Herald, Eaton, Ohio. As aforesaid, a product of the California School where he learned his trade.

Damon Cornelius, Floor man, Richmond Paladium-Item, Richmond, Indiana. A product of the Indiana and Arkansas Schools. Brother Damon learned about type lice in both schools.

Howard Poust, also a floorman at the Richmond Paladium-Item of Richmond, Indiana. Brother Howard received his introduction to the Grand Art Preservative at the Indiana School.

Clyde Ketchum, a Printing Instructor just where we do not know. Ketchum the idea, Clyde? Brother Ketchum was a Gallaudet graduate of the class of 1952. (We Ketchum. He's in the South Dakota School.—Ed.)

Frank E. Keith, Jr., Linotype Operator, State-Times, Baton-Rouge, Louisiana. Brother Frank attended the Texas School where he learned his trade.

We were in receipt of a letter from Dr. Stevenson, superintendent of the Berkeley school, shortly after our visit. Dr. Stevenson expressed his pleasure in having us a guest but earnestly requested that we please remove our beard before our next visit. Seems that the lady teachers were so afflicted with heart palpitations that the school work was demoralized for a time after our appearance.

Tucson school, was among those attending the annual outing at Mesa on Memorial Day. Maybelle was on her way to Van Nuys, Calif. to spend the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McRae spent an early June vacation in California going via San Diego to Los Angeles and Long Beach where they visited numerous old friends from Oklahoma. They were accompanied by their two young sons, Richard and Eldon.

Mrs. Ethel Champeau who has been living with her daughter the past winter and spring plans to spend the summer with another daughter and relatives in Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Lester bought a duplex house in Sunnyslope recently. They consider real estate a good way to invest their money and a real start on the road to a life of ease.

Miss Azalia Skidmore, with her mother and sister, are spending a few days out in San Diego, California at this writing. Azalia is a seamstress, a good one, at an establishment in Phoenix.

Folks here were glad to see Harry Greer down from Flagstaff for the Memorial Day Picnic. Harry is still employed on a newspaper in Flagstaff.

Stopping overnight in Phoenix bound for Tucson the 17th of June were Mrs. Anna Burgess of Montebello, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Nieto of Long Beach, Calif. They spent a couple of hours at the Frank Millers while in Phoenix. Mrs. Burgess was on her way to see her daughter and family in Tucson.

Mrs. Belle Key was hostess at a five o'clock dinner for 14 of her deaf friends at the home of her daughter the evening of June 20th. Everyone had fun!

Arizona news was contributed by Frank Miller, 3044 West San Miguel Ave., Phoenix. Residents of Arizona may send news items to Frank before the 20th of each month.

FLORIDA . . .

Wal folks, the Florida Association of the Deaf convention has come and gone. Our sagged shoulders have snapped back to normal posture as the hundred-odd responsibilities have been lifted — nevermore! First of all — through this column — I wish to extend to the Jacksonville convention committee my sincere appreciation of their determined efforts in the convention's behalf; for never letting up even though the Lord knows they were dead tired; for their solemn vow never to "blow their tops" — no matter what; for their unquenchable loyalty to their convention chairman — I thank you and toss orchids to the following committee: Mozelle Bradley,

Euneta Cashmore, Willie Cashmore, Marvin Connell, Margaret Connell, Sherwood Hicks, Henry Hovsepian, Eloise Hovsepian, Todd Hicks, Robert Hoagland, C. B. Pollock, Dean Pritchard, Arthur Pitts, Artha Rae Pitts, Maurice Samples and Mary E. Smith.

Just before the start of the reception Thursday evening at the Hotel Seminole lightning flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, then the deluge began — (heralding the arrival of Dippy Peikoff — huh?) The rain cooled off our city considerably, yet failed to dampen the spirits of those who poured into the Seminole Room. Here hands were joyously pumped up and down — "heap long time no see" — introductions were in order. Cake and punch were served, and spilled also. Is Everybody Happy??

Main attraction of the Friday morning opening business session was an "eye-opener" — David Peikoff's inspiring address. Mr. Peikoff spoke eloquently of the progress made by Florida as the "Playboy of the States" grows up. The achievements of the N.A.D. plus their precarious finances and meager members were laid on the table for all to see and to consider. His sincerity and dynamic personality resulted in the F.A.D. snatching the N.A.D. pennant from the hands of the West Virginia Association of the Deaf; and now we are waving it from lofty heights — a total of \$5,748.00 was realized. What is most remarkable about this achievement is — around 135 persons attended this convention. Congrats, Mr. Peikoff!

The afternoon and evening social phase took place at Jax Beach — Southern fried chicken dinner at V.F.W. building, bowling and beauty contests, reduced rates on amusement rides and so forth. A favorite of both the old and young alike was the dodgem cars at the amusement park. Here we broke all the rules in the traffic book much to our delight and to the management's dismay.

At Saturday morning's session a resolution was passed which is now part of our constitution and by-laws that we pay \$35.00 affiliation dues to the N.A.D. annually. Come on, all you other states! Hop on the band wagon. The new executive committee will have sole responsibility of selecting a delegate to represent the F.A.D. at the N.A.D. convention in Cincinnati. On behalf of the membership Todd Hicks presented President Clemons with a gavel bearing the inscription: "W. E. Clemons — President — 1950-1954 — In Appreciation." For the first time in the F.A.D. history Pensacola, one of the jewels in Florida's crown, has been selected as the next convention city, (Be seeing ya' there come '55, hey?) The new officers of the F.A.D. are as follows: Ralph Sasser, Miami, president; George Bradley, Jacksonville, First Vice-President; Earl Lee Birdwell, De Funiak Springs, Second Vice-President; Carl Bohner, St. Petersburg, secretary; and Sawley Helms, Arcadia, treasurer.

The convention wound up with a banquet in the beautiful Grand Ball Room — we dined by candlelight relishing our barbecue chicken and all the trimmings. The speakers of the evening were Mr. Peikoff and Mr. Lloyd Ambrosen, our principal in the department of the deaf at the Florida School. In his address Mr. Ambrosen went over the improvements already made at our School and listed further projects on the agenda and, brother, you should have seen the cheers! Music for the dance at the climax of the banquet was furnished by Tiny Moore's orchestra. Tiny is a brother of our own Leander Moore, a teacher in the Tennessee School. "After the Ball was over" and just before our Florida sun peeped out from under his blanket of blue clouds, the last reluctant sleepy head had crawled in with Morpheus for a few hours of shut eye before departing for his home town. Then the hotel corridors were strangely silent . . . We believe that everyone left for home in a happy frame of mind. Let us tell you, we enjoyed your

stay with us; we hope that you did, too, and that your memory of the convention will linger on and on . . .

Hats off to our unsung heroes — the interpreter! He comes ready to serve, to be sure, yet we rung him ragged — what with newspaper reporters popping up from don't ask me where, there's telephone calls to make, chamber of commerce representatives anxious to put in bids for their cities, and a frequent "Charles, what is this big baboon trying to tell me?" Special thanks to Charles Schmidt, Jr., from all of us.

Now for a few convention tid-bits. Wasn't it beautiful — Rev. Lindsay's invocation preceding the opening of the first business session? . . . We didn't want to look around because our own eyes were misty but we know that there was nary a dry eye among the membership when Nettalien Gholdston broke down upon learning that she had just become an Honorary Member of the FAD. Nettie is loved by all of us; she has been a member of the FAD and loyal to its cause since its formation. God bless her . . . Wasn't Nora Lawrence radiant when the judges announced her winner of the beauty contest? Nora hails from Florida's capital and is married, boys; she also has a wee daughter. She was presented with a crown, trophy and a "Mrs. F.A.D." ribbon and poor Charles Schmidt had a terrible time pinning the ribbon on her bathing suit . . . Lovely Dorothy Pollock, Jacksonville, was runner-up — and did you notice how her Irish eyes sparkled? That's right, boys, she's married, too . . . Ben King brought the house down — he kept a poker face yet fought hard and furiously for Pensacola as the next convention city . . . Incidentally, about twenty of us were having night caps in the Seminole Lounge before hitting the sack and inquired about our bills — were we floored when the waitress wrote "Your bill has been paid." We look askance and get another scribbling from the same waitress — "That man over there paid everybody's bill — you do not know him — he says that he is a 'Southern Gentleman.'" Hey you, Yankees up that a-way, that's Southern hospitality for you! . . . Watching this fella, Jack Daugherty, jitterbug, we've decided he has rubber legs . . . Wasn't the bunny hop fun? . . . It was nice having Mr. and Mrs. William Grow and Mr. Grow's mother with us at the banquet. We hope to see more of them . . . Todd Hicks won the biggest trophy he's ever copped in his many years of ten-pin slugging. His Mrs. thinks it's high time he bought that display case he has been wanting for his trophies, seeing as to how his home is cluttered with 'em now. Other trophies for the winners at the bowling con-

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Banquet at the convention of the Florida Association of the Deaf, June 12. At speaker's table in background, left to right: Todd Hicks, retiring first v. p.; Pauline Hicks, retiring sec'y.; W. E. Clemons, retiring president; Janet Clemons; Lloyd A. Ambrosen, principal, Florida School for Deaf; Rose Schmidt; Charles Schmidt, Jr.; David Peikoff (needs no introduction); Ralph Sasser, incoming president; Rebie Sasser; George Bradley, incoming vice president; Mozell Bradley. Charles Schmidt was toastmaster.

test were presented to: Johnny Nelson, Khalil Kalal, Dorothy Pollock and yours truly

... Remember how gracefully Dean Pritchard signed "God Bless America"? You could tell that her heart was in the song... Fletcher Smith drove down from Washington, D. C. all by his lonesome — just to see his friends once again during convention time and reckons as to how it was worth it... And wasn't it ducky seeing Annette Miller — nee Long — again after many moons no see. Annette and hubby, John, decided that there was no place like Florida after all so they moved bag, baggage and kids from South Gate, California. Welcome home, Friends! ... Marvin McClain and his charming wife made it down from Richmond, Virginia and appeared to be having the time of their lives... Lovable Mrs. I. O. Davis, Little Rock, breezed in via air — a two-year ago repeat performance. We're glad that she enjoys our conventions

... Who was that cutie Glenn M. was necking with in the hall? ... Mr. Ambrosen forgot to bring his cigars to pass out at the banquet — did you know, he has an heir and image; the little fella made his appearance two weeks before the convention. We are sorry that Mrs. Ambrosen had to return to the hospital with a kidney ailment... Sherwood Hicks and his bride, Janelle, returned from their honeymoon in time for the convention reception. They said their "I do's" June 6 and left town immediately after the ceremony amid a shower of rice and well wishes. Some wise guy with a bottle of white shoe polish fixed their car up good — huge letters on the rear window read "Watch Jacksonville Grow!"

Carl Bohner volunteered to handle the measuring of the beauties in the beauty contest for the judges — sorry, sir, the line forms at the right... Tall and reserved P. A. Dignan doing the jitterbug with little Miss Allen reminded us of the "tall and short of it"... The Resolutions committee obtained passage of a donation of \$75.00 to be used to purchase trophies for the Mason-Dixon Conference Basketball Tournament slated at the Florida School next spring. Only \$125.00 more is needed to complete the School's trophy expenses. All you Florida clubs, sit up and take notice! Let's see who will be next in line to contribute... Betcha N.A.D. Anti-Peddling Chairman, Fred Murphy's face would light up with pride if he could only see one of his star protegees make her report on anti-peddling. With his assistance her bill which was passed by both legislature houses put a big crimp in the Florida peddling racket... Post-convention conversation: "Peikoff — Peikoff — Peikoff." ... You know — at large gatherings well-meaning people sometimes wish to pay tribute to or show their appreciation to certain individuals for their devotion

to their assigned responsibilities; well, such spirit ran amuck at our convention — which not only brought tears to the recipients but to the audience as well. It's not so much the gift or the tribute that counts but the spirit in which it was given. Pray, do not mistake us for Peikoff's pig who gives generously only after he's butchered, but do compare us with his cow who enjoys giving while he's living (do I see a smile creeping along the corners of said narrator's lips?)

Whoa baby, isn't that BBB over there gesturing wildly, trying to catch my eye? Okay, okay, this will be all for now. Bye, folks, see ya' next month! — PAULINE

MINNESOTA . . .

As this column goes into print, many of the Minnesotans will be talking for a long time about the wonderful times they spent during their summer vacations, while a few will be starting theirs and finishing them before the fall weather sets in preparation for the coming cold wintry months. That's the one advantage we won't trade for anything — the changing seasons — summer, fall, winter and then another spring — the enjoyable cycle of weather — from one season to another. That's the life for us!

Mrs. Frieda Meagher of Chicago put in an appearance in the Twin Cities about May 22. Purpose of her trip here was to give a talk at Thompson Hall. A large crowd turned out to "hear" her talk about her recent trip to Europe. She extended her stay here to two weeks as the guest of the Gordon L. Allens. On two successive Sundays (May 23 and May 30) the Allen household was buzzing with much activity. Friends came to renew acquaintances with Mrs. Meagher. On June 7, she reluctantly returned to the Windy City.

Mr. and Mrs. John Spellman, members of the MSD teaching staff, already have left New York City June 3 for a summer tour in Europe.

Mrs. Anna Bowen hied down to Minneapolis from Faribault to visit her old friend, Mrs. Ada McNeill, for several days during the latter part of May.

After many years of work, Harold Lee called it quits not long ago, and has been taking things easy. His last place of employment was Scott-Atwater Co., manufacturers of outboard motors, from which he just retired.

Mrs. Ray Inhofer of St. Paul is back on her feet, feeling much better after she underwent an operation for removal of gallstones.

Delores Doplins of St. Paul and Donald Sawyear have been engaged since May 12. It has not been learned when they intend to walk down the aisle. Delores is a 1953 MSD graduate, while Don is a day school product. At present, he is a printing apprentice, work-

ing in the printing department of Warner Hardware Co.

Evan Ellis, who recently resigned from his position at MSD, to take another similar position at the Florida School, underwent surgery for varicose veins on one of his legs. Since leaving Faribault, he and his wife spent about a month in Minneapolis as guests of the John Schumachers. Then on about August 1, they will be in Florida in preparation for the opening of school.

After six years of study, the last two years at law school, Robert, younger brother of ye scribe, received his Bachelor of Laws from the University of Minnesota June 12. Right now he is preparing to take bar examinations. His main interest is labor relations — a middle man between the union and the employer, in other words, improve relations among the union men and the bosses, if you can get what ye scribe means.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Tis summer and once again our friends are taking off on well-earned vacation jaunts. We received quite a surprise the other day in the form of a postal card from Iva Smallidge post-marked from Tokyo, Japan, of all places. Folks had been wondering where Iva was and now we know! Details are lacking but we're certain Iva will have lots to tell us when she comes sailing home again.

Ruth and Roger Skinner have just returned home to Los Angeles following a two-weeks and 4500 mile vacation trip which took them up through Reno, Vancouver, B.C., with stopovers at Mt. Shasta, Crater Lake, Bonneville Dam, and Grand Coulee Dam. They entered Canada at Osooloyoo and spent two grand days visiting Mr. and Mrs. Riley of Victoria, well known to southern Californians, and making the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Yeaman. They were fortunate enough to arrive in Victoria during a Canadian holiday known as Victoria Day and enjoyed the parades and other festivities, climaxed by an English Tea given them by the Rileys. Highlights of their journey seemed to be crossing bodies of water by ferry and crawling through 25 feet of snow. They returned home via U.S. 101 from Tacoma to Los Angeles with a brief detour in Northern California.

Well, Ruth and Roger seem to dominate our news this month. Small wonder, however, seeing as their activities are of great interest to all of us. They had scarcely returned home in late May when they arranged to open their lovely home for a "Brunch" which would help to raise funds for the 1955 Nationals. Of the 125 people invited, some 110 attended and added \$98.52 to the Tourney Fund which was later brought to an even \$100 through

the generosity of Mr. Henry Watt, who donated the difference. Ruth was assisted by the wives of the men comprising the 1955 Committee and the Brunch was served at two sessions, after a brief crisis during which it was discovered that they lacked enough tables. Capable Roger solved the dilemma by erecting temporary tables out of plywood and every one gathered 'round to enjoy the delicious menu. Let's take a look at it (Ruth is a mighty good cook): cantaloupes, corned beef hash topped with poached eggs, broiled half-peaches, rolls, "real" butter, jam, cakes and all the coffee you wanted. Sound good? Card games and ping-pong occupied the folks during the rest of the day.

We're hoping Ruth will arrange another such affair anon; everyone had such a good time. But, we simply must tell you what happened to the cantaloupes Ruth had packed with ice in her automatic washing machine. You guessed it! Someone turned on the washer! Mangled cantaloupes resulted but the washer was undamaged.

John Curtin and Calvin Tatum drove up to San Francisco the first week of June. Both insisted they just had to ride the cable cars one last time. They returned south via Carmel and the Hearst Ranch.

Others on vacation during June were Faye and Vera Palmer, who took their annual auto trip home to Arkansas. Vera says they en-

joyed the trip, which was made without mishap . . . which probably means they did not get caught in a rain storm as last time.

Think we told you last time that there are a lot of prospective parents hereabouts. In addition to the Bob Skinners, the Thomas Ellotts, the William Porters, and the Ross Baileys, we now learn that the Don Nuernbergers and the Frank Lunas are "expecting" 'ere very long. Also the Newmans (Betty Hartmann) of Riverside. We are told that there are about twenty couples on the list but somehow folks have neglected to tell us the glad tidings. George and Lois Elliott will have welcomed a fourth child about the time you read this, and we have last minute infor-

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mation that Connie Marchione and his beautiful Dorothy will welcome their first child in the Fall.

Paging Mr. Fred Patrick of San Jose! Herb Schreiber of the FAAD would like very much to contact you. Write him at 3606 Kalsman Drive, L. A. 16.

Herb Schreiber tells us that Tom Rippe has attained aeronautical engineering rating as of May 28th and is now a full-fledged engineer. Congratulations, Tom. Herb himself has started back to school, having recently been admitted to UCLA.

Toivo Lindholm writes us a bit of news from Mrs. J. D. Loftin of Texas. Her son, Lieut. Leo Liveoak, Jr., 1953 graduate of West Point, is now at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and is being transferred to Ft. Lewis, Wash. in mid-July. Lee spent the first part of June at home with his mother at Waco, Texas, and expects to go overseas after his stint at Ft. Lewis.

Toivo also sends us a "bo-kay" saying that our Swinging gets more and more interesting all the time. Gives us quite a boost in morale 'cause we've been getting too many "brick-bats" lately from folks who say we write only about our friends. Please folks, THE SILENT WORKER is YOUR magazine: we'll write about YOU anytime if you'll just let us know of your activities. Otherwise, what do you want us to do?

Max and Mary Thompson have sent us an invitation to try out their brand new swimming pool. The Thompsons tore up half their landscaped lawn to build the pool, which measures 14 x 27 and has depths of 7, 5, and 3 feet. It took Max more than 18 hours to fill the pool, using three garden hoses. Something tells us that the Thompsons are going to have a lot of company this hot summer. Send us a photograph of the new pool, Max. Let our readers get a look at it, too.

Angelia and Edna Watson of Arizona enjoyed a get-together with Madeline Mussmanno and Florence Schornstein at Riverside recently. Madeline and Florence planned for points East the same day school was out. Both are teachers at the Riverside School.

John and Betty Galvan of Richmond were house-guests of the Herb Schreibers the first week end of June, taking in a patio-party at the John Fails in Long Beach and meeting numerous friends at the Los Angeles Club June 5th before going on to Riverside to visit the Burton Schmidts. They then proceeded south to La Jolla and Coronado, where they were feted at a party by the Marvin Thompsons and met up with the Drakes of Arkansas and Vito Dondiego of Phoenix, Arizona.

With the closing of the Berkeley School numerous Bay area visitors appeared in and around Los Angeles in early June: Emil Lander, Ralph Jordan, Leo Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf Bragg and son Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ramger, and the Fred Buenzles. There were a lot more tho', we hear.

A post card from Eva Kruger tells us that she and Art have acquired ownership of a 1950 Catalina DeLuxe Pontiac to replace the '47 Olds which was wrecked in early April. That Oldsmobile, however, was Art's very first car and not even the beautiful Pontiac can make up for the loss.

Frank and Beverly Sladek have returned home to Long Beach from Tucson for the summer and Frank and his father are busy renovating the Riba and The Crown in preparation for the annual run of albacore. They start out the end of June with high hopes for a successful summer's fishing and, assisting Sladek, Sr. on the Riba will be young Johnny Fail, who decided to try albacore fishing this year instead of working aboard the City of Long Beach with his father another season. Frank lost no time in calling a meeting of the FAAD, of which he is President, and making plans for the 10th Annual Farwest Basketball Tournament, which will take place in Tucson, Arizona, next March. A special benefit is being held at the Long Beach Club the

evening of July 17th for the purpose of raising funds for the Tucson cage-fest, of which Don Neumann of Tucson is chairman. Y'all come!

Val and Vic Cookson have returned home to Long Beach following a most pleasant and leisurely vacation spent at Lake Tahoe. They enjoyed life in the little cabin amongst the pine trees on the edge of the lake. Victoria tells us that they spent two days with cousins Francis and Marion Kuntze in Sacramento and made the acquaintance of their new baby boy, who is just two months old. They made the acquaintance of Bob and Winona Chick and opine that the folks up in Sacramento are mighty nice people in spite of the hot and humid climate they prefer to live in.

Something new in contests took place June 26th at the Long Beach Club. Winners of the Club's widely publicized "Sweater Girl" contest were Florence Slemmons and Hope Beasley. Third place went to Miss America, who turned out to be none other than Earl Harmonson, a male by any standard.

John Allen of 2535 East 10th Street, Long Beach, passed away due to a heart attack on his 77th birthday May 27. John, a former resident of Kewanee, Illinois, moved to Long Beach last November to be near his three daughters. Death came suddenly and unexpectedly following a dinner party with friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art J. Johnson in Long Beach.

Baby showers, housewarmings, and wedding anniversaries . . . there seems to be no end of social activities around Los Angeles these days! Honored at a baby shower the evening of May 14 was Lois (Mrs. George B.) Elliott at her home in Pasadena. Co-hostesses were Mesdames Herb Schreiber and George Die-

trich. With three little daughters, the Elliotts cannot help hoping for a son this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tallent were guests of honor at a 5th wedding anniversary party given for them at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Love in Norwalk the afternoon of Sunday, May 16. A buffet lunch was served to the guests by Mesdames Love, Dyke, Goodwin, Bagby, and Luczak, which was enjoyed by everyone.

Mrs. Edwin Preston did all the honors May 16, when friends from far and near converged upon the lovely new home of the Curtis Pasleys on Garden Grove Avenue in Reseda. Needless to say, Curtis and Frances were greatly surprised and pleased at being so honored and their friends are very happy that they have acquired such a lovely new home.

A "benefit" for the California Home for the Aged Deaf took place at the Los Angeles Club from 2 p.m. until midnight the evening of May 15th. A very entertaining show was staged, in addition to a delicious dinner served in smorgasbord fashion and numerous card games took up most of the afternoon and evening. Many valuable prizes were distributed to fortunate winners and everyone went home well pleased with themselves for having contributed to a worthy cause.

Bay Area News

May 5 saw the arrival of Ella Mae Lentz, new baby daughter of the Gilmer Lentzes of Berkeley. Sacramento was the scene of the arrival of young Marlon Kuntze; the proud parents, Frances and Marion Kuntze; the date, May 11.

Mrs. Iva Smallidge of Los Angeles stopped in the Bay area to visit friends before leaving on a world cruise on the President Madison.

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Earl Ruffa of Berkeley broke his leg again, the same one he broke last year while skiing at Sun Valley. This time the locale was Mt. Baldy, near Los Angeles. He should wear a cast every time he dons the skis.

Bert Neatherly of Oakland made a vacation trip to Sulphur, Oklahoma, to pick up his wife, who had preceded him by plane. On the way back they had an enjoyable tour of the famous Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

Mesdames Steidemann and Hinckley of St. Louis, were visitors at the East Bay Club for the Deaf June 13. They flew out to Pacific Palisades, visited Wawona Big Trees, Yosemite, Oakland, and San Francisco. Mrs. Steidemann went on to Washington, D.C. for the Gallaudet College reunion.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hoar sailed June 1st for Australia on the first lap of a trip around the world. They will go on to Naples via Suez, then through Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, England, and Ireland where they will visit Lieut. Hoar's relatives.

Phil Sheridan left for Honolulu the first week of June after a year's leave of absence from his job there.

Byron and Caroline Burnes have moved to a new home at 5421 Belgrave Place, Oakland 18. The Tom L. Andersons also have crossed the Bay to a new home at 5 Rockridge Rd., Oakland 18.

George and Dora Laramie of Salt Lake City were guests of the Emil Ladners of Berkeley on their way back from a vacation trip to Seattle, accompanied by their daughter. A large group of the Eastbay deaf attended a reception in their honor at the Ladners.

The Abe Millers of Santa Rosa are sporting a new 1954 Ford Station Wagon.

A bowling tourney was held under the sponsorship of the Diablo Club for the Deaf early in June, at the Pacheco Bowl near Concord on the way to Martinez. Ellis McMillin of Sacramento won the men's 30-game series championship; George Turner of Oakland won the men's highest six-game championship; Clyde Williamson of Oakland continues his men's highest game championship with a score of 257. Barbara McKean of Oakland took the women's 30-game series championship; D. Blanc of Richmond came out women's highest six-game champ; and Falla Dugans of Richmond was women's highest game champ with 180.

Mrs. Barbara Babbini (nee Sanderson) of Castro Valley was hostess at a surprise baby shower for Mrs. Betty Lepandorf of San Lorenzo June 6. Betty is expecting her fourth around the Fourth of July.

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Font-Stevenson Game

Here is the game between Juan Font and Joseph Stevenson mentioned in this column last month:

Sicilian Defense

White: Juan F. Font Black: J. W. Stevenson

1. P-K4	P-QB4	10. O-O	P-QN3	19. R-R5	KR-K1	34. Q-B4	P-KN4
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	11. N-B3	B-N2	20. B-N4	Q-K2	35. R-Q3	Q-R8 check
3. P-Q4	PxP	12. N-Q5	R-B1	21. B-B3	P-QB3	36. K-B2	Q-N7 check
4. NxP	Q-N3? (a)	13. P-QR3	N-K1	22. R-N4	Q-Q2(c)	37. K-B1	Q-B3
5. N-N3! (b)	P-K4	14. Q-Q2	B-Q3	23. R-Q4	R-K4	38. R-K3	Q-K4
6. B-K3	Q-Q1(c)	15. QR-B1	B-N1	24. RxR	NxR	39. R-KB3	P-N3(f)
7. P-QB4	N-KB3	16. P-B5	PxP	25. P-B5(d)	P-Q4	40. QxRP	QxKP
8. P-B3	B-K2	17. NxP	N-R4(d)	26. P-B4	NxB check	41. R-K3	Q-N8 check
9. B-K2	o-o	18. NxN	Resigns(e)	27. PxN	R-Q1	42. R-K1	Q-N4 check

Notes by the chess editor:

(a) We are inclined to agree with White that this is a questionable move. We secured a good game against the same move with 5. NxN, NPxN; 6. B-Q3, P-K4; 7. O-O, N-KB3; 8. Q-K2, etc. although we lost the game eventually through carelessness.

(b) This is generally considered an ideal position for this Knight in the Sicilian Defense.

(c) The queen is forced to move back to its original square and thus a tempo has been lost for Black.

(d) This move loses quickly. Better was N-Q3 although White presents other threats to come.

(e) White comes out the better in the exchange by a piece, hence the resignation by Black.

(With move 7. P-QB4, I believe White has achieved Maroczy's ideal position in the Sicilian. J.F.F.)

N.A.D. Tournament

We are delighted to announce that the National Association of the Deaf will sponsor a chess tournament at the 75th Anniversary of its founding, which will be held in Cincinnati July 2-9, 1955. Details remain to be worked out and will be announced later.

Latest Results

In the Second Tournament, Stevenson drew with Leitson and defeated Dunn. Font measured Kannapell and thus split their two games.

In the Third Tournament, Shipley won over Mantz twice, and has the score of 2-1.

Here is the game won in the finals of the First Tournament by Bob Kannapell. It was his first victory over Ladner and gave him a chance to come back after two straight losses:

1. P-QB4	P-K4	10. B-K2	N-N3
2. N-QB3	N-KB3	11. B-N3	N-K5
3. N-B3	N-B3	12. Q-B2	Q-K2
4. P-Q4	PxP	13. B-Q3(a)	NxB
5. NxP	B-N5	14. RPxN	N-K4
6. B-N5	P-KR3	15. B-K2	O-O(b)
7. B-R4	BxN check	16. R-Q1	B-K3
8. PxB	N-K4	17. NxN	QxN
9. P-K3	P-Q3	18. R-Q4	N-N3

Notes by the loser:

(a) 13. O-O would be followed by P-KRA; 14. B-Q3, NxB; 15. RPxN, N-K4; 16. B-K2, P-R5

(b) The position is considered equal in spite of White's doubled pawns.

(c) Black must defend very carefully at this point or else.

(d) A strong move, forcing Black to move P-Q4.

(e) The winning move, against which Black prevailed in vain.

(f) A very poor move which loses quickly. Better was P-N4 with drawing chances if White replies 40. PxP en passant.

(g) Black thought this was a good move, with this continuation in mind! 43. QxQ, PxQ; 44. PxP, RxP, etc. But White had a better move.

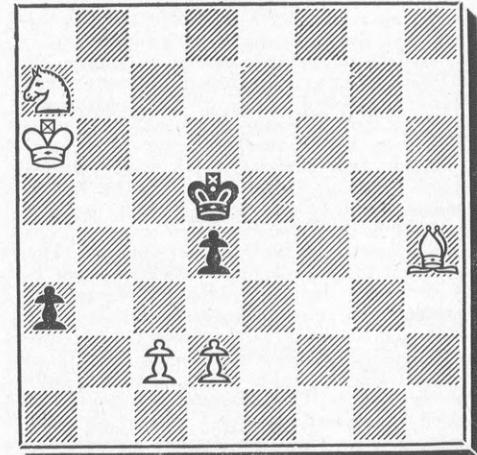
(h) What Black failed to foresee.

(i) Black has no hopes or moves left. A well played game by Bob, who seized the opportunity at moves 25 and 26 to gain a passed pawn and a won game. However, Black apparently threw away a possible draw with his 39th move.

The Chess Problem

J. W. Stevenson sent us this problem which we failed to solve after many hours of analysis. Finally we asked him for the solution, which he sent with the comment that he himself had failed. Could you do better?

BLACK



WHITE to play
and win.



SPORTS

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LEO YATES - *Point Maker*

By Obie A. Nunn

NOW THAT THE BASKETBALL tournaments are over, all the deaf teams have been selected and those amazing pictures of attenuated young men stretching themselves in many states are becoming more conspicuous on the sports pages of newspapers or *THE SILENT WORKER*.

When the yarn-spinning eased the tension of the early hours there was a story much publicized in Roanoke, which nestles at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia, about a fellow who played unflinchingly in all scheduled games. He is Leo Yates, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abner C. Yates, 924 9th St., S.E. He personally carried the Star City Club of the Deaf basketball team to glory although the team had lost many games and also was in the second spot in the Alabama tournament recently.

Coach Ed Howell, of Winston-Salem, N.C., called Leo the greatest clutch player he'd ever seen. Some coaches have expressed the belief that "Yates had more here," tapping his heart, "than a coach could expect from any player." Coach Howell let his enthusiasm naturally run over.

Howell stated that Leo was the fastest man on a court and the most facile handler of a basketball he had ever seen, and the rangy lad could perform many outstanding acts and was terrific in the closing minutes of a game.

The flashiest boy in basketball of yesterday who played any position for several classy semi-professional teams in characteristic leagues, is a sleight-of-hand expert who, in a sport dominated by giants standing well over six feet, is something of a flash at a normal six feet.

The twenty-three-year-old bachelor, now in his third year as a semi-professional, threw in a basket over his head on occasion while running in the opposite direction. It's possible he has eyes in the back of his head, but nobody's quite sure.

Actually he did have excellent all-inclusive vision, could catch the flash of a teammate's uniform out of the corner

of his eye. He said his eyes wander when he's dribbling. At all events it helped make possible some extraordinary passing and playmaking.

Ability to control the ball is a Yates specialty. Leo got fouled a lot because he had to be guarded so closely. Opponent teams overdid it sometimes, fouled him so often that he wound up with a scoring record.

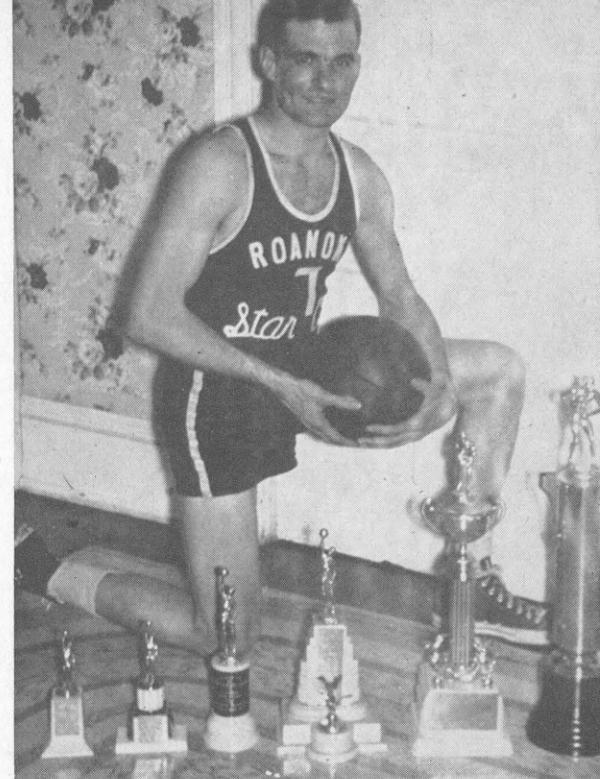
The razzle-dazzle semi-professional player has been somewhat on the sensational side. After scoring 232 points in 11 games in the 1953 season, Leo racked up 439 in 15 games — scheduled and tournament together, and compiled an average of 29.5 markers per game.

The Star City club with its rather dismal performance wound up in the second spot in the finals of the Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf tournament which was held in Birmingham, Ala., recently. District of Columbia Club of the Deaf romped off with top honors by beating the Roanoke five. The score stood at 109-55.

The high-scoring star has five trophies in his treasure, which were for All-Tourney, High Scorer, and Most Valuable Player. The Star City basketball team has won several trophies for being in second or third places in tournaments.

In 1952-53 lanky sharpshooter Yates joined the Roanoke semi-professional basketball team, "The Rebels," composed of former college stars. The Rebels, winners in nine out of 17 contests, have played against such strong, fast and adept teams as Roanoke College, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Camp Pickett, Fort Lee, Richmond Royals, Vagabond Professionals of Detroit and too many others to mention. Leo played with Scotty Hamilton, former All-American guard at West Virginia University; Bill Balas, All-State forward from Hampden-Sidney; Bob Dickson, great shooter of Virginia Tech, and others.

The past season the Rebels were out of existence because of lack of playing material. Leo, disappointed in the folding of the Rebels, was compelled to play



Point-maker Leo Yates of Roanoke, Va., and his trophies. As a football player he was one of the most spectacular pass snappers at the Virginia School for the Deaf. In four seasons he made 40 touchdowns from passes. As a cager at the school he averaged 18 points per game. Now as a semi-professional he has a 29-per-game average.

for Riley's Aces in the "A" City League in Roanoke which copped first place for the championship for the second straight year. A year ago Riley's Aces won 16 and lost two, while high scoring honors went to Yates, who made 335 points in 18 games.

Leo Yates, who was born in Floyd County on July 18, 1930, entered the Virginia School for the Deaf, Staunton, Virginia, in September 1936, and was graduated June 4, 1949. He took a post-graduate diploma in 1950.

Leo won several letters in basketball, baseball and football in four seasons under the direction of Coach T. Carlton Lewellyn. Leo was one of the leading scorers in football and was on an end position. Coach Lewellyn stated that Leo made 40 touchdowns from passes, eight otherwise, and 16 extra points for a total of 256 points. Lewellyn considered him one of the speediest runners, covering the 100 yards in approximately 10.1. He was placed first on three All-America teams, selected from schools for the deaf throughout the country, finishing out his cage career in 1949 with 406 points in 19 games.

This was considered a new season record at the school. Leo also created the All-America schools for the deaf basketball team in 1949, thus gaining a berth on two honor teams in one year.

Leo's other extra-curricular activities include winning the rank of Eagle Scout. His chief diversion is witnessing stock car races.

FRANK DURAN - *Golden Gloves*

High School Champ to Open Class Champ
WHERE NEXT?

By John Fox, Sports Publicity Director
Texas School for the Deaf

(Editor's Note: Below is an article which first appeared in The Lone Star, published at the Texas School for Deaf. We are having it reprinted for it should be recorded in THE SILENT WORKER.

It is too bad to hear about the stupidity of that ruling that the Fort Worth officials have made with the aid of the Medical Board of the State. We see no reason why deaf people should be barred from competition in the Golden Gloves tournaments. The ruling should be revised so the deaf could be encouraged to enter.

Several deaf, such as Marvin Marshall, Hilton (Fitzy) Fitzpatrick, Gus Schlee, and Gene Hairston have shown their worth in Golden Gloves competition. If it were not for that absurd medical ruling, we are quite sure that Frank Duran would put on a terrific show in the Golden Gloves finals.

The Golden Gloves, for your information, is a series of boxing tournaments staged throughout the country under a copyright name, behind purposeful organization and by established regulation.

As MARK BATTERSON of the Austin American-Statesman said, "Let's talk about Frank Duran." Also, "How About a Chance?" Yes, how about a chance for Frank Duran?

Frank, who is 19 years of age, weighing 110 pounds, making him a flyweight, showed Austin fans that he has a lot of heart, lots of guts and pugilistic talent. Frank could take it and hit as hard, if not harder, than any flyweight that I've ever seen fight.

Frank has had six fights in his career and has won all of them, showing his awareness in the ring. Three of them were TKO's, two on decision, and one by default. He started his boxing career in February 1953 when he entered the Regional Golden Gloves Tournament in Austin. Entering the High School Division, Frank won the Regional Championship by defeating Pete Herrera of Georgetown.

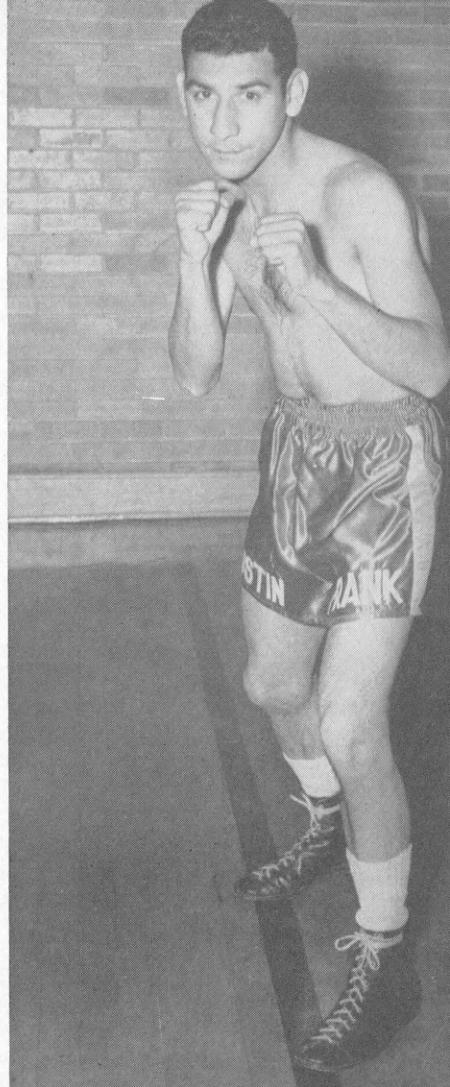
Deciding to enter again this year, Frank entered the open class, hoping for a chance to gain the Nationals. In his first bout, he won a unanimous decision over David Padilla of Temple, a tall, strong boy. Frank gave Padilla a lesson in boxing, as he (Padilla) found it hard to score and useless to mix it up, as Frank was the stronger puncher. In the second fight, Louis Murrillo defaulted because of an upset stomach. Then came the finals against Robert Vega of Gary Air Force base. Being a lucky spectator, and an ardent fan of the Golden Gloves, I got to see all the finals and observed the flyweights very closely.

Anyway, the night previous to this final bout, Vega had looked extremely strong in defeating Benny Nunez. The next day I told Frank at school that he had a tough customer. He said, "Not as tough as tall," indicating that he just got through "reaching at the sky" against Padilla. My answer was to hit him enough and he'll come down to your size. That Frank did, flooring Vega once in the first round and twice in the second round when Tom Attra, foreseeing a severe beating, called the fight to a halt. Frank was awarded a TKO and Regional Flyweight Open Championship.

BAD NEWS — Frank received his trophy that night along with the other Regional champs and was told that he was to go to Fort Worth to participate in the State finals. However, Tuesday morning, the day he was to depart for Fort Worth, Frank came to school and when he reached his Physical Education class I first heard the bad news — the bad news that he would NOT be allowed to participate in the State finals because of his deafness. This was a shock to me as well as the rest of the staff. Why would the boy not be allowed to participate?

That question was answered by the Austin Statesman, stating that they found no reason for not allowing the deaf to fight; that we here in Austin understand the problems of the deaf. Also, that the experts at the Texas School for the Deaf do not classify deafness as a disability in sports (boxing no exception).

WHAT WAS DONE? — First, I consulted Supt. Roy Stelle for an OK on checking into the matter. We were both deeply disappointed. Then I called the American-Statesman and they in-



FRANK DURAN

formed me that it was a Fort Worth decision and Flem Hall of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram was the one to talk to. Our first thought was to see what a national ruling from the Chicago Tribune, founders of the tournament, would be. So, a lengthy wire was sent to Arch Ward explaining the situation. His reply I quote: "The decision must come from Flem Hall of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, who runs Texas' tournament."

Then a call was placed to Flem Hall, who said it was the decision of M. H. Crabb, M.D., secretary of the State Examining Board, that made him decide to turn Frank down. After a talk of about 15 minutes as to how mistaken they were, I told him that it was a cruel decision which should be reversed. Finding that it was a definite NO, and feeling that Mr. Hall was not about to give the matter any consideration, I decided to take up the matter in another way. This was to take a National poll to determine how other states felt about the deaf boxing in the Golden Gloves. So, a letter was sent to one or more schools for the deaf in each state, also to one or more leading newspapers in each state. It is hoped that these efforts are not in vain. Any other helpful suggestion should be sent to me in care of this school.

The Letter

Dear Sir:

Does your state Golden Gloves Tournament allow participation of the deaf in its annual tournament?

We had a boy from Texas, Frank Duran (Texas School for the Deaf) to fight two years in Golden Gloves in Austin, Texas. This is a regional meet. In it he won the high school flyweight division the first year and received a trophy (high school winners do not participate for state championship.) This year he won the flyweight open championship and was refused participation in the state finals in Fort Worth because of deafness.

I am taking this poll in a sincere effort to try to get their ruling changed so that the deaf will be allowed to participate. You, as well as I, know that the deaf participate in all sports against the hearing (school level, amateur and pro) and boxing is no exception. Deaf schools participate mainly against hearing schools.

I quote a section of the rules which Mr. Flem Hall of the Fort Worth Star Telegram put out. It is a Texas Golden Gloves medical bulletin:

We will not accept any contestant who isn't FULLY PHYSICALLY FIT and we would like for you to be as rigid in your requirements for boys you bring to the state tournament.

Our medical staff will accept:

1. No contestant who is not physically or mentally normal.
2. No contestant who is deformed, crippled or in any way handicapped.

This medical bulletin is very loose and could eliminate almost all from participation in one way. What determines fully physically fit? Are they saying that the deaf do not belong in boxing? Are we supposed to have our own tournament here so that we can afford the deaf in Texas a chance to fight in the nationals along with the deaf from other states?

A telegram was sent to Arch Ward, Chicago Herald Tribune, founders of the Golden Gloves, and his reply was that the decision remains with Flem Hall, Ft. Worth Star Telegram. This implied that there would not be a refusal from Chicago.

Please send me the desired information immediately, for I want to keep this going while the Golden Gloves is still going on.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN JAMES FOX,
Sports Publicity

(Almost every letter received by Mr. Fox was favorable to his cause, and everyone seems to deplore the fact that a boy who had made good so far should be ruled out because of a so-called handicap that can in no way affect his prowess in the boxing ring.)

DOWN THE ALLEY

The 18th Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association Tournament held at Cleveland last April 24-25 saw two teams from Chicago finishing one-two in the team event. Mirror Lounge crew made up of George Gordon, Harry Allen, Harold Lundahl, John Lippert and Douglas Burris carded a 2759 for first place, edging Grace Lounge keglers by two pins. So, take a look at 'em—the first three places:

TEAM: 1—Mirror Lounge, Chicago, 2759; 2—Grace Lounge, Chicago, 2757; 3—T. J. Novak Builders, Milwaukee, 2747.

DOUBLES: 1—W. Trayner - A. Marchuk, Detroit, 1219; 2—P. Conner - W. Travarca, Cleveland, 1153; 3—C. Drummond, Sr. - W. McBlone, Sr., Columbus, 1142.

SINGLES: 1—C. Podgorniak, Syracuse, 651; 2—S. Cook, Akron, 619; J. Jacobs, Akron, 619.

ALL-EVENTS: 1—S. Cook, Akron, 1809; C. Podgorniak, Syracuse, 1770; J. B. Davis, Chicago, 1767.

Alex Marchuk of Detroit copped the rich DAD Individual Classic which ended March 20 with a 6-game total of 1287 pins, erasing Carmen Travarca's mark of 1248 set in 1949. Alex' feat earned him \$500 and two trophies, donated by the management of the bowling alleys — one for winning the title and the other for posting the highest single score of the classic — 277.

Aided by Bob McClaskey's and Bill Travarca's 611 and 602, respectively, Paul Pastor's Neighborhood Cafe bowling team of Cleveland captured the 8th Annual Central States Deaf Bowling As-

sociation Tournament held at Indianapolis January 30-31. The 2769 score posted by the winners were 48 pins better than Grace Lounge of Chicago and Venezia Inn of Melvindale, Mich., both being tied for second place, and netted them \$220 and a trophy donated by Indianapolis Deaf Club.

John B. Davis and Leroy Ray, members of the Grace Lounge team, copped the doubles title with a 1171 score edging out Willie Van Doorne and Roy Ludovico of Venezia team by three pins.

Phil Kain of Louisville, Ky., started out in the singles as if he were going to hit a mark, never to be beaten, rolling 257, 227 the first two games, but cooled off in the third game and had to settle with a 651, second highest single series, 695 being the highest ever rolled — by H. Conner of Toledo during 1951 at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bill Travarca posted a 1830 total for nine games, an all-time high, erasing his brother Carmen's 1829, set last year.

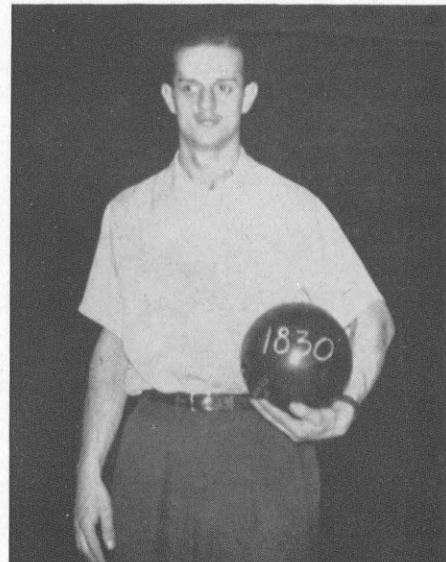
The tournament paid tribute to five members: Cyrus Sochalski, Charles Roberts, Charles Whisman, all of Indianapolis; Gus Straus of Cincinnati and Steve Benedict of Columbus, as the only bowlers who have not missed a single game since the founding of the association. Gus Straus, however, had the misfortune of being ill on the eve of the five-man team event and had to retire from this year's competition. Thus the association is now left with four bowlers who have perfect attendance mark.

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Wanna know how "You Make Too Much Noise" team, composed of John B. Davis, Harold Lundahl, David Ourso, Alfred Gardner and James E. Ellerhorst made out at the National Printcraft Bowling Tournament, which was run from April 29 to May 4 at Cleveland, Ohio?

This team of deaf printers took its turn on the alleys on May 1 and when the smoke cleared it found its 2906 was tops. It remained "the highest" till Sunday, May 2, and when the final bell rang it found itself shoved as deep as 7th place, Cleveland Engraving being the ultimate winner with a 2985 count. The "You Make Too Much Noise" team's 1-3-7 finish in a three-year period, however, is now tops, eclipsing the 1-5-9 finish accomplished by the Safran Printers of Detroit.

Bill Travarca of Cleveland, all-events winner of 8th annual Central Deaf bowlfest. His 1830 is an all-time high.





James Ellerhorst of the "You Make Too Much Noise Team" receives the congratulations of Quinto Del Favero, sponsor of the team. Ellerhorst is at left.

The YMTMN team, by the way, roared its loudest in the minor events. Reaching the last half of the third game in the singles, James A. Ellerhorst, Captain of the deaf fivesome, was told that he would have to strike out the rest of the way to win, having posted 210, 223 and 151 in the 6th frame of the third game. Though pressure was at its peak, Jimmy poured in strike after strike the rest of the way to win the singles title with a 706 count, beating a Cleveland kegler by SIX pins. He also came out 4th with a 1905 total in the All Events division. He is a printer at *The Detroit Times* and recently was elected secretary-treasurer of the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association, replacing Thomas A. Hinckley, who was named president. Ellerhorst is also secretary-treasurer of the Central States Deaf Bowling Association.

The "You Make Too Much Noise" team's take-home pay was \$466, a little higher than that of last year. The Printcraft is composed of workers in all branches of the printing trades. Next year's tournament will be held in New York City.

Wonder which school for the deaf will snap North Carolina's four-year national mythical track meet dominance when the finals are staged this month at our den on 3638 West Adams Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. Well, watch for results of our 12th annual make-believe track and field meet which will be released in August.

National Association of the Deaf

Byron B. Burnes, President

Robert M. Greenmun, Sec.-Treas.

LIFE MEMBERS: 3,246
OUTSTANDING IN PLEDGES:

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The N.A.D. is sweeping the Nation! With State Association Conventions now in full swing, the N.A.D. representatives are giving each affair a verbal "push" and are easing each Association and its members into close unity with the national hub!

Utah Association of the Deaf Convention, held May 28-31st in Salt Lake City was attended by Rene Epding.

Kentucky Association of the Deaf — May 29-31st. The Convention was attended by NAD's Rally Chairman, G. G. Kannapell.

North Dakota Association of the Deaf held their Convention in Devils Lake on May 28-31st. Rene Epding there.

Florida Association of the Deaf Convention — June 10-12 — attended by the "genius," David Peikoff, has beaten all previous records. Close to \$6,000.00 in cash and pledges was collected. What a terrific record! How about other Association trying to top that!!

Oregon Association of the Deaf — Convention held in Salem on June 4-6. President B. B. Burnes was there winning friends for the N.A.D.

Montana Association of the Deaf. June 10-12 in Billings. B. B. Burnes extended the N.A.D. hand!

Empire State Association of the Deaf Convention held at Lake Placid, New York on June 29-July 3 with Secy.-Treas., Robert Greenmun, staking a place for the N.A.D.

The Alumni Association of the Maryland School for the Deaf held their reunion in Frederick on June 12th with R. M. G. carrying the N.A.D. banner!

California Association of the Deaf had their Convention in Sacramento with four big days (July 1-5) of serious action and thought plus lotsa fun. Of course, N.A.D. got its 2c in too! (That c investment resulted in \$ too!)

Michigan Association of the Deaf celebrated theirs in Flint June 22-26 and president BBB trotted all the way up there to give them that N.A.D. "lift."

Tennessee Association of the Deaf — in Knoxville July 2-5 — G. G. Kannapell directed Tenn. eyes toward N.A.D.

To all these States we say "THANKS" . . . Thanks for the welcome and thanks for your wonderful support of the N.A.D.

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The Answer Box

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Question for this month:

Has frequent use of the sign language, since you took it up, affected the clarity of your speech and lipreading abilities which you acquired through early years of learning and practice?

(It will be noted that the question for this month is the same as for last month. So many replies were received to the question last month, some had to be left out and it was decided to repeat the question this month in order to include all letters received. This is an important question which none but the deaf can answer, and their opinion deserves consideration.)

I am no judge of the clarity of my speech. That is for the hearing people to judge. However, I seem to make myself understood without difficulty. I am also considered a good lipreader, but I attribute that to a good vocabulary. Without a good vocabulary, not even the best lipreader can understand what is being said, if he is not familiar with the words spoken.

One thing I can say in favor of the sign language is that it has improved my grammar considerably. For example, hearing people often ask me, "Have you got change for five dollars?" which is grammatically incorrect. (Got is past of the verb "to get.") In the sign language, I am asked, "Have you change for five dollars?" which is correct. Then the hearies say, "He makes good money." Literally, if anyone makes good money, he would be in jail for counterfeiting. In the sign language, we say, "He earns much money," which is grammatically correct.

EMERSON ROMERO
Farmingdale, New York

No, not at all. I do not believe that, once good speech and lipreading habits have been acquired, another language (in this case the sign language) can affect them. To me, the sign language is simply another language, like Spanish or Italian, to be learned and used to supplement one's native language, but not to replace it.

MARTIN STERNBERG
Washington, D.C.

It has not. As we all know, good lip reading has a lot to do with the person whose lips are being read — his particular type, movement, pronunciation, etc. — to say nothing of the subject being discussed. During my early lipreading days, I encountered quite a number of difficult characters. True today, and even more so owing to greater social contact. I still meet and beat and

admit defeat very much the same proportionately as in the ABC era. It is very near the impossible (I speak as a teacher, mind you) to be intimate with daily life without communication to some extent with non-signers. Thus, this indirectly forced practice puts the clarity of my speech and lipreading abilities to constant test.

TARAS B. DENIS
Bronx, New York

Your question startled me! During the last seven years (ever since I married) I have been so absorbed with learning the sign language that I seldom have taken time out to wonder whether or not it has affected "the clarity of my speech and lipreading ability." I took it for granted that the learning of the sign language would not in any way impair my speech and ability to lipread. Now that you have made me take stock of things, I find that my speech has actually been improving all the time. One reason for this, I think, is the fact that I have always used the simultaneous method in talking to other deaf people. This has served to "slow down" my speech, which was always somewhat too rapid and often left me breathless. Many normal hearing friends have commented on this improvement, and the same is true of my parents and relatives. In addition, I always talk aloud to my little son, and this has been an all-day job and a never ending lesson in speech! As for that matter of understanding the speech of others, I don't see any noticeable difference today. I still experience my share of successes and failures, and for every time I am complimented on beating my husband to the word or phrase there comes another time when the story is reversed!

SHIRLEY FISCHER PANARA
Kent Village, Maryland

This question brings up one of the oldest and most misleading catchwords with which the education of deaf children is all too plentifully cursed. People who study logic call the idea in this question a *non sequitur*, meaning that the given outcome does not happen as a result of the given reason. Unfortunately, uninformed or half-informed persons may actually jump to the conclusion that use of sign language is a cause of poor speech.

My speech has definitely deteriorated since I was eight years old, but certainly not because I happened to start learning to spell and sign shortly afterward.

My speech deteriorated for one reason and only one — namely, that I lost all my usable hearing from spinal meningitis at that age. Like all hearing children, I had learned to talk "by ear," that is, by hearing and imitating the speech of others around me. With my hearing suddenly and completely gone, I couldn't tell whether I was speaking normally, whispering, talking in a falsetto, strained or throaty voice, or shouting, except, very vaguely and imperfectly, by how the speech organs felt in action. So much for the reason my speech began to deteriorate.

A large number of the deaf, especially those born deaf, find out that the speech they learned in school does not stand the test of use with the hearing public. What a child's teacher tells him is "good" speech by school standards, may not be understood at all by anyone outside his family and closest friends. If he has been conditioned to look on the use of pad and pencil as a disgrace, he is going to suffer some extremely serious frustration in adjusting to the needs of a hearing world, and this fact should be recognized by school, parent and child.

May I refer you to part of a speech at the Vancouver, Washington, teachers' convention last summer, by Miss Harriet Montague of the John Tracy Clinic? When someone with her unimpeachable belief in speech for the deaf makes a statement so accurate and illuminating, it deserves the attention of everyone. Says she:

"With the goal of normal speech always before them, many parents believe that, although the child speaks with difficulty while he is young, his speech will improve as he grows older, and he will gradually acquire a full vocabulary and eventually talk as well as a person who hears. It is difficult and often heart rending to destroy this illusion and make the parents understand that the speech of a deaf person is never quite like that of a hearing person, that any degree of hearing loss affects the voice quality and the enunciation, and that if the child acquires speech that is intelligible not only to his family but even to strangers, he is doing wonderfully well, even though his voice is not always pleasant and his speech has many defects.

Parents (may) start with ideals that cannot be reached, and in their disappointment they may go to the opposite extreme and adopt a defeatist attitude. If they will face the limitations deafness entails, they can do much to help the child approach normality, not thinking always of limitations but thinking how limitations may be dealt with intelligently. It is a matter of compromise in order to gain definite, attainable ends. As a confirmed believer in speech for the deaf, in lipreading for the deaf, and in the high possibilities the deaf may attain in the hearing world, I still say we must accept facts and deal with them before we undertake to approach the ideal.

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